







City of Boston.

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January 2. 1854.

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This being the day assigned by law for the organization of the City Government for the present year, the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats.

Organization

Aldermen.

Benjamin L. Allen.

Josiah Dunham, jr.

Oliver Frost.

William Washburn.

John T. Dingley.

Mr. Paul Adams, Alderman elect, being absent and there were two vacancies in the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Warren of Ward 8. came up with a message informing the Board that a quorum of the Common Council were present in their Chamber, and were ready to be qualified. The two branches accordingly assembled in Convention.

Message

Convention.

The City Clerk, in the absence of the Mayor, called the Convention to order, when prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Lothrop.

Prayer.

A copy of the record of the last Board of Mayor and Aldermen dated Dec. 29. 1853. which contained the result of the last election for Mayor, which was held preceding this day, and from which it appears that no person was elected Mayor for the present year, was read to the Convention by the City Clerk.

Whereupon the Hon. Samuel Shaw, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, administered the oaths of

2. office to the Aldermen elect, who were present, and afterwards to
January 2. 1854. the members of the Common Council.

The business of the Convention
having been accomplished the two branches then separated.

Chairman
of Board
of Aldermen.

The City Clerk having called
the Board of Aldermen to order, the Board proceeded by ballot to
the choice of a Chairman of the Board, agreeably to the Statute in
such case made and provided, and the ballots being taken and count-
ed it appeared that the whole number of votes was 5

Necessary for a choice 3

Benjamin L. Allen had 4.

Oliver Frost 1.

Alderman Allen having the requisite number was accordingly elect-
ed.

Alderman
resigns

Communication was received
from Paul Adams, Alderman elect, wherein he tendered to the
Board his resignation of his said office. Accepted, and the communi-
cation ordered to be placed on file.

Common
Council.

Mr. Plummer of Ward 7. came up
with a message informing the Board that the Common Council
were organized by the choice of Alexander N. Rice as President, and
Washington P. Gregg, as clerk.

Convention
proposed.

Whereupon it was ordered that a
message be sent to the Common Council proposing a Convention of
the City Council forthwith for the purpose of electing a City Clerk.

Notice Having been received that 3.
the Common Council concurred in the foregoing proposition, the two January 2. 1854.
branches assembled

In Convention.

The Chair appointed City Clerk
Alderman Dunham, and Messrs. Hatch and Cowdin, a Committee chosen.
to receive, sort and count the votes for a City Clerk, who having at-
tended to that duty, reported, that the whole number of votes was 44. -
Necessary for a choice. 23. Samuel J. Mc Cleary, Junior, had 44. and
was accordingly elected.

Mr. Mc Cleary Having appeared,
the oaths of office were administered to him by the Chairman.

The business of the Convention
having been accomplished the two branches separated.

Notice was received from the Wards
Common Council that vacancies exist in that Board, of three members vacancies in.
from Ward 10. three members from Ward 3. and one member from
Ward 11.

Whereupon, it was Ordered: That Warrants
warrants be issued for meetings of the legal voters of the City in their re- for Ward
spective Wards on Monday the Ninth day of January instant at Eight meetings.
o'clock, Am. then and there to give in their ballots for a Mayor and
three Aldermen, being inhabitants of said City, to complete the num-
ber required by law (one of whom to be in place of Paul Adams,
Esquire, resigned) Also directing the qualified voters of Wards Nos. 3.
10. & 11. at the same time and places to fill all vacancies existing
in their respective Wards for Common Councilmen and others. All

4. the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Bills to be kept open until January 2, 1854, till Four o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the joint Rules and Rules and Orders of the City Council be adopted as the rules and Orders of this City Council until otherwise ordered, and a Committee of three, with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may join, be a Committee to prepare and report Rules and Orders for the government of the present City Council. And Messrs. Bonney, Atkins and Kelly were appointed said Committee on the part of this Board. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Concurred: and Aldermen Frost and Dunham were joined.

Meetings.

Ordered: That Monday at four o'clock, P.M., be assigned as the day and time of holding the regular meetings of this Board until otherwise ordered.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Ninth day of January, Anno Domini. 1854

Present.

The Chairman and Aldermen Frost, Lingley, Dunham and Washburn

Municipal
Register.

Ordered: That such Ordinances, by laws, and special orders of the City Council with a list of the City Officers in the various departments of the City Government and such

other matters as may be deemed advisable, be forthwith printed under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders, who may employ such assistance as may be necessary for that purpose. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

5.

January 9, 1854.

Ordered: That the Mayor be requested to execute and deliver to Mr. J. D. Roberts warranty deeds for lots No. 7, 9 and 11 upon Chester Street upon his surrendering to the city, the agreement of sale for the said lots given by the said city, and upon his executing and delivering to the city a mortgage for five years upon lot No. 9, Chester Street with interest payable annually, for the amount of his liabilities due to the city on the 1st day of January last, together with a policy of insurance upon the house on said lot, in the name and for the benefit of the City of Boston to the amount of \$7,500.00, said policy to be satisfactory to the Mayor of the said city for the time being. The said Roberts to be allowed to pay instalments upon the whole sum due from him to the city in sums not less than \$1000.00 at any time previous to the expiration of the mortgage, and to exhibit satisfactory proof that there is no lien or claim of any nature whatever, existing upon said lot No. 9. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Roberts.

Report of Henry Curtis & A. R.

Ballast.

Turkbury Inspector of Ballast, for the quarter ending December 31st 1853 was read and sent down. In Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Quarterly report of the Chief of Police for the quarter ending December 31st last, was read and sent down. In Common Council. Read and placed on file. The Annual Report of the Chief of Police for the year ending December 31st 1853.

Chief of Police.

Y. & Annual report.

6 was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

January 9/1854.

Atkinson St:

Sanford proposed widening of Atkinson Street, by taking land of Samuel Sanford, said subject was laid upon the table.

Federal St:

S. H. Pearce, tenant, and C. W. Colting

Colting.

Pearce

appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Federal Street, and having been heard said subject was laid upon the table.

Revised

Statutes

Ordered: That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to purchase for the use of the City Council, ten copies of the Revised Statutes of the Commonwealth with the subsequent statutes and that the expense thereof be paid out of the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred January 12th

Surveyors of

Highways

Ordered; That the Mayor & Aldermen be and they are hereby appointed Surveyors of Highways, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter. Sent down for concurrence

Notes.

Committee on

On motion of Alderman Dunham. Aldermen Dunham, Frost and Gingly were appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes given this day for a Mayor and three Aldermen.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Eleventh
day of January, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Chairman and Aldermen Frost, Lingley, Durham, and Washburn.

The committee appointed to ex-
amine the returns of votes given in the several Wards on Monday
last for a Mayor and three Aldermen, reported that the same were
correctly recorded in the Book kept for that purpose, from which it
appeared that the whole number of votes for Mayor is

Necessary for a choice 12088

Jerome T. C. Smith has 6045

and he is accordingly elected.

The whole number of votes for
Aldermen is 12067

Necessary for a choice 6029

Arthur Drake has 6032 George Wilson 6728 George A. Williams 6728, and
they are accordingly elected. Read and accepted and the City Clerk
was directed to notify the foregoing persons of their election.

Ordered: That a message be sent
to the Common Council proposing a Convention of both branches of the
City Council on Monday next the 16th instant at 10 o'clock, AM, for the
purpose of qualifying the Mayor and Aldermen elect.

Petition of Charles Benton for
leave to exhibit some Cren and Sheep in Haymarket Square. Referred to
the Chairman and Alderman Frost, with full power.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 10 o'clock, AM.

Thursday January 12, 1854.

Common
Council.
members
qualified.

Charles Hays member elect from Ward 11 accompanied by his colleague Mr. Allen - Ezekiah Rince, David Bryant and John A. Mullen members elect from Ward 10 accompanied by their colleague Mr. Gordin and Alred Tibbts member elect from Ward 3 accompanied by his colleague Mr. Dupes, appeared and were qualified as members of the Common Council by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, who administered to them the oaths of office required by law.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the thirteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Chairman, Aldermen Frost, Dingley, Dunham, also the Hon. W. C. Smith, Mayor elect, and George Odiorne, and Tiddale Drake, Aldermen elect.

Convention.

Notice having been received from the Common Council, that that branch concurred in the proposition of this Board to form a Convention this day at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of qualifying the Mayor and Aldermen elect - the Board proceeded to form said Convention in the Chamber of the Common Council and the two branches being assembled

In Convention.

Mayor
qualified.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Alex^r H. Vinton. The oaths of office were administered to Hon. W. C. Smith, Mayor elect, by the Hon. Lemuel Shaw, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Mayor then administered the oaths of office to George Odiorne and Tiddale Drake, Aldermen elect. after which he addressed the

City Council.

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The business of the Convention having been accomplished the two branches separated, and the Board having assembled in their room. Alderman Dingley offered the following

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Resolution which was unanimously adopted. - Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be presented to Alderman Benjamin F. Allen for the dignity, kindness, and impartiality which he has displayed as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen during the present year.

Chairman.

thanks to-

Ordered: That a message be sent to the Common Council, requesting that body to return to this Board, an order declaring the Mayor and Aldermen to be elected Surveyors of Highways.

Surveyors
of Highways.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

The Board having re-assembled at four o'clock, P. M.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn and Williams.

The Mayor announced the Standing Committees of the Board as follows. Watch and Police, The Mayor, Aldermen Durham, Drake and Williams. Sanitation, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen and Post. Common and Public Squares, The Mayor, Aldermen Edgerne and Williams. County Accounts, Aldermen Edgerne, Washburn and Durham. Sewers and Drains, Aldermen Williams, Durham and Post. Fire Department, Aldermen Drake, Dingley & Allen. External Health, Aldermen Allen, Williams and Edgerne.

Standing
Committees.

10 Internal Health, - Aldermen Dunham, Allen and Duke. Lumps
January 16, 1857. Bells &c. - Aldermen Frost, Olinne and Dunham. Spaying out and
widening Streets, - Aldermen Dingley, Olinne and Washburn. Licenses
Aldermen Allen, Dingley and Duke. iii Aldermen Allen, Dingley
and Frost. Market, - Aldermen Washburn, Duke and Olinne. Repairing
and Repairs of Streets, - Aldermen Frost, Williams and Dunham. Steam
Engines &c. - Aldermen Washburn, Frost and Allen.

Rules and
Orders.

The Committee charged with the
duty of reporting Rules and Orders for the government of the City
Council for the present year have considered the same and report:-
Your Committee have carefully examined the rules and orders of
the last City Council and recommend that they be adopted as
the Rules and Orders of this City Council with the following amend-
ments in the first section - 1. Add at the bottom of the first page -
"A Committee on Streets to consist of three members of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen and five members of the Common Council." ^{D.}
2. Also strike out from the eighth and ninth lines of page 5th of the
said Rules and Orders these words "and under the advice of the
Mayor to adjust and settle" - and insert after "expedient" in the eleven-
enth line of said page these words "and also under the advice of
the Mayor to adjust and settle all claims not exceeding the sum of
five hundred dollars." 3. Also strike out Sections 7 and 8 and
substitute the following - Sect. 7. In the present and every future
financial year, the specific appropriations for the several objects
enumerated in the general appropriation bill shall be deemed and
taken to be the maximum amount to be expended by the several
committees having the charge thereof for the entire financial year,
and shall be expended with a proper regard thereto and after the

annual order of appropriations shall have been passed, no subsequent expenditures shall be authorized for any object unless provision for the same shall be made by special transfer from some of the appropriations contained in such annual order, or by expressly creating therefor a City Debt; in which case the order shall not be passed, unless two-thirds of the whole number of each branch of the City Council shall vote in the affirmative, by a vote taken by yeas and nays.

11.

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Sect. 8. In all contracts or expenditures to be made, under the authority of the City Council, whenever the estimates shall exceed the appropriations specially made therefor or whenever any committee shall have expended the sum specially appropriated for their use, in the order of appropriation for the year, and in either case shall require a further sum, it shall be the duty of such committee having such matter in charge, to submit the fact to the City Council for instruction, accompanied with a detailed statement of the cause or causes which have created the necessity for such application, and the object for which the same is needed. And no contract shall be made, or expenditure authorized in either case, unless by a specific vote of the City Council first making the necessary provision for the payment, resulting therefrom, and no debt shall be created, or transfer from one specific appropriation to another be made, until such report or statement shall have been submitted to the City Council, by the committee requiring the same. For the Committee, William Bonney. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred with the following amendment. Strike out at C all the words thereafter to D. Sent down for concurrence.

Notice was received from the Common Council that that branch had elected - Austin T. Hall, Charles

Finance

Demond, Joseph H. Duve, Robert Goudin, Timothy G. Kendall, J. May
January 16, 1884, Davis, and George H. Mullen as a Committee on Finance. To
said Committee the Mayor, ex officio, is joined on the part of this
Board.

Assessors

Department.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Goudin, Hinds and Mesinger with such as this
Board may join a Standing Committee on the Assessors Depart-
ment. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen
Williams and Drake were joined.

Claims.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Goudin, Goudin and Whiten with such as this
Board may join a Standing Committee on Claims. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Dunham and
Dingley were joined.

Fuel.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Stodder, H. G. Mayo, one vacancy, with such as this
Board may join a Standing Committee on Fuel. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Drake and Allen
were joined.

Fire

Harms.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Dupree, J. Davis and Mullen with such as this
Board may join a Standing Committee on Telegraphic Fire Harms.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Allen
and Odiorne were joined.

Institutions

at S^t Boston &

Deer Island.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Jenkins, Selin, Hulch, Clark and Cole with such as
this Board may join a Standing Committee on Institutions at
South Boston and Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred and the Mayor, Aldermen Dunham & Frost were joined.

Order of the Common Council 13.
appointing Messrs Kelly, Dyer and Tilton with such as this Board
may join a Standing Committee on Boston Harbor: Came up for concurrence. Harbor.
Read and concurred, and Aldermen Frost and Allen were joined.

Order of the Common Council Ordinances.
appointing Messrs Demond, Kelly, Hull, Dyer, and S. Mayo with such as
this Board may join a Standing Committee on Ordinances. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Odiorne, Wash-
burn and Dingley were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public
appointing Messrs Venable, Godwin, Johnson, Bryant, and G. Warren (Buildings)
with such as this Board may join a Standing Committee on Public
Buildings: Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Alder-
men Washburn, Allen, and Dingley were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public
appointing the President and Messrs. Hinds, Woodman, Whipple, and Instruction.
Quinard with such as the Mayor and Aldermen may join a Stand-
ing Committee on Public Instruction: Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred, and the Mayor, and Aldermen Williams and Dun-
ham were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public
appointing Messrs. Tilton, Hamma, and Whittleman and Dyer with Lands.
such as this Board may join a Standing Committee on Public Lands:
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor, Al-
dermen Dingley and Washburn were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public
appointing Messrs G. W. Warren, Hull, Woodman, Odier, and Stone with Library.

114. such as this Board may join, a Standing Committee on the Public
January 16, 1854, Library: came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor,
Aldermen Frost and Washburn were joined.

Printing.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Whittemore and Rogers, with such as this
Board may join, a Standing Committee on Printing. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Alderman Odiorne was
joined.

Treasury

Order of the Common Council ap-

pointing Messrs Hummer, J. A. Davis, and Kendall, with such as this
Board may join a Standing Committee on the Treasury Depart-
ment. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Alder-
men Drake and Odiorne were joined.

Water.

Order of the Common Council
appointing Messrs Hatch, Prince, Howard, Jones, and (one vacancy)
with such as this Board may join, a Standing Committee on Water:
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor,
Aldermen Frost and Williams were joined.

Gates

Petition of Israel Gates for appoint-
ment as City Forester. Referred to the Committee on the Common.

Methodist
Chrch. Socy.
Church Street.

Petition of the Trustees of the Metho-
dist religious Society for damages for raising the grade in Church
Street, and asking for a hearing in the matter. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Allen

Petition of Robert Allen for a license
as dealer in second hand articles at 340 Commercial Street. Referred
to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Seth Adams that
an order restricting him from burning bones in the City, may be rescinded. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

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Adams.

Petition of J. Wesley Jones for leave
to exhibit a Panorama at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses.

Jones

Petition of Samuel M. Stevens
to be compensated for damages sustained by the change of grade in
I. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Stevens.

I. Street.

Communication from the
Public Land Commissioners respecting land at the foot of Poplar
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets

Poplar

Street.

Petition of the Boston Light Ar-
tillery that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen would approve of
their organization as a Military Corps. Referred to Aldermen Dunham
and Dingley.

Boston

Light

Artillery.

The Superintendent of Sewers
presented to the board schedules of assessments for the construction of
Common Sewers in Brattle Street, Pearl Street north of High Street -
Everett Street and Essex Street - Border Street south of Central Square -
Seaver Street - and in Kennington, Marion, and Vineland Streets;
which were referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Brattle, Pearl,

Seaver, Marion.

Kennington, &

Vineland Streets.

Petition of George Ballard (trustee)
for abatement of an assessment for construction of a Common Sewer in
Clark Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Ballard

Order of the Common Council

January 16. 1854. appointing Messrs Bonney, Tutts, Hobbs, Atkins and Timmers, with
 Streets. such as this Board may join a Standing Committee on Streets. Came
 up for concurrence. Read and non concurred.

Accounts.

The Common Council having elect-
 ed Farnham Plummer, Alham Bonney & Thacher Beal, Committee
 on Accounts on the part of that Branch, said action came up for con-
 currence. Read and laid upon the Table.

Overseers
 of the Poor

Report from the Overseers of the
 Poor detailing an account of their Receipts and Expenditures for the
 year 1853. Read and placed on file.

Streets.

The quarterly report of the Super-
 intendent of Streets up to December 31, 1853. Read and sent down.
 In common council, placed in file.

Super of Health
 quarterly Report.

The quarterly report of the Super-
 intendent of Health up to December 31, 1853. was read and sent
 down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Streets.
 Ann. Report.

The Annual Report of the Superin-
 tendent of Streets, showing the receipts and expenses of that Depart-
 ment during the year 1853. was laid on the table and ordered to be
 printed.

Internal Health.
 Ann. Report.

The Annual Report of the Superin-
 tendent of Health, showing the receipts and expenses of the Internal
 Health Department for the year 1853. was laid on the table and order-
 ed to be printed.

City
 Physician.

The report of the City Physician for the quar-
 ter ending Dec^r 31, 1853. came up from the common council. Read and placed on file.

Ordered: That the Auditor of 17

Accounts prepare and cause to be reprinted the Appropriation bill of January 16, 1854, with the present amounts & balances of each specific appropriation, with sufficient blank lines so arranged that he can correct and state the amounts remaining unappropriated and unexpended at the expiration of each succeeding month until the expiration of the financial year; and it shall be the duty of the Messengers of the City Council to furnish the Auditor with the list of each member of the Council, at the close of each succeeding month, to the end that they may be corrected agreeably to the foregoing Order. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Appropriation
bill for 1853-54.

A message having been received from the Common Council to the effect that two vacancies exist in that body from the delegation from Ward No. 3, it was ordered: That a warrant be issued for a meeting of the legal voters of Ward No. 3 on Thursday next the 19th instant at 12 o'clock, to give in their ballots for two members of the Common Council, and also to fill any and all other vacancies now existing in any of the other offices of said Ward. In the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock, P.M.

Common
Council
vacancies
Warrant
for Ward
meeting.

The plan and description of the Location of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road were filed this day, and were referred to the Committee on Streets.

Boston & N. Y.
Central R.R.
Location

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Milton Demond and J. Warren with such as this Board may join a Committee, to consider His Honor the Mayor's Inaugural Address and report upon the reference of the various

Mayor's
Address

18. subjects expressed therein. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-
January 16, 1854, curred, and Aldermen Drake and Frost were joined.

Unfinished
business.

Ordered: That the several committees of this Board be and they are hereby directed to resume the unfinished business of the last year.

Surveyors
of
Highways.

The Common Council having returned to this Board, pursuant to request, the order appointing the Mayor and Aldermen, Surveyors of Highways; on motion of Alderman Frost, the vote whereby said order was adopted was reconsidered, and the order was laid upon the table. On motion of Aldermen Frost, the Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of nine Surveyors of Highways, and the votes being taken and counted, it appeared that Jerome F. Smith, Benjamin F. Allen, Oliver Frost, John T. Lingley, Josiah Dunham & William Washburn, Tisdale Drake, George Osborne, and George H. Williams were chosen. Sent down for concurrence. January 16. Came up nonconcurrent.

Library-
Trustees of

Ordered: That Monday next at four o'clock P.M. be assigned as the time for choosing Trustees of the Public Library.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Wednesday the eighteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1854

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Williams.

Petition of the Boston Marine
Total Abstinence Society, that a special Police Officer may be stationed
at their place of meeting. Referred to the Mayor.

Petition of Thomas J. Bayley,
for appointment as a Surgeon of Marine under the Act of 1831. Referred
to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Sarah R. Monroe
for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a common sewer
in Shulbury Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

The Superintendent of Health
presented to the Board a schedule of assessments for the abatement of
a nuisance in Lamson Court: which was referred to the Committee on
Internal Health.

Notice of intention to build by
Samuel A. Way on the East and West Ends and asking leave to
close East or Cove Street, was referred to the Committee on Paving.

On the petition of J. Wesley Jones for
leave to exhibit a Panorama at Amory Hall, the Committee on Licenses
reported in favor of granting the same on the usual conditions. Read
and accepted.

Petition of the owners of City
 January 18, 1854. May property that a certain rent was given by them to the city
 city may be divided: was read and referred to Aldermen Dunham
 May. and Allen with such as the Common Council may join, to consid-
 er and report thereon sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and Messrs. Demond, D. Warren and Whiton were joined.

Boston Light Agreeably to the report of the Spec-
 Military. ial Committee on that subject, the organization of the Military Corps
 called "The Boston Light Artillery" was approved by the Board.

Armories On motion of Alderman Dunham,
 Military a Standing Committee was appointed on the part of this Board to be
 affairs. called the Committee on Armories and Military Affairs and the
 Chair appointed Aldermen Dunham, Lingay and Gude to constitute
 said Committee.

East Boston The Annual Report of the East Bos-
 Ferry & ton Ferry Company, detailing a statement of their receipts and expen-
 ditures during the year 1853. showing the former to have been \$975,124.18,
 and the latter to have been \$78,005.00. - was read and placed on file.

Rail Road Ordered: That Aldermen Gilman,
 Committee. Frost, and Washburn be a Committee, in connection with the City
 Solicitor, to attend to and protect the City's interest before any Rail
 Road or other Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, and particu-
 larly to sustain all the rights the Mayor and Aldermen have to regu-
 late the motive power and speed of cars on all Rail Roads within the
 City's limits.

On motion of Alderman Washburn 21

the subject of the election of a Committee on Accounts was taken from the table, and the Board having proceeded to ballot for a Committee on Accounts on the part of this Board, it appeared that Aldermen Allen and Frost were elected.

Petition of the Boston Light Artillery Boston Light Artillery
that the City would furnish said Corps with a suitable Armory. referred to the Committee on Armories &c.

Proposals from the State Commission Back Bay
as respecting the Back Bay Lands. read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Harbor Master be and he is hereby directed to remove or cause to be removed, wreck in the burnt wreck now lying near the channel in Boston Harbor.

The subject of the proposed widening of Atkinson Street by taking land of Samuel Sampson was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

The subject of the proposed widening of Federal Street by taking land of Wolcott and others, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Ordered: That the documents of the last year respecting a New Lunatic Hospital, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston & Deer Island. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

Ordered: That the report of the January 10, 1854, Committee on Boston Harbor with the accompanying papers be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Engine House

N^o 1 &c

Ordered: That the papers in relation to a new Engine House at South Boston for Engine Company N^o 1 be taken from the files of the last year, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Pratt

Ordered: That the petition of Daniel C. Pratt relative to a suit brought against him by the City, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Faneuil Hall

Market House.

Ordered: That the papers relating to a sale of the Faneuil Hall Market House be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Buck Bay

Land.

Ordered: That the report on the subject of the Buck Bay Lands, being City Document N^o 63, for 1853, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Gavett.

Ordered: That the petition and papers relating to the matter of Andrew J. Gavett respecting a water tax, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the report and papers relating to an Ordinance concerning the Survey of Lumber be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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January 18, 1854.

Lumber.

Ordered: That the documents in relation to alterations in the Alder School House, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Alder

School House.

Ordered: That the papers in relation to an Ordinance respecting Steam Engines, be taken from the files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Steam

Engines.

On nomination by the Mayor, Henry Needs and Jacob A. Currier were appointed on the Police, and George Wörster, Jonathan W. Baker, Charles J. Boothby, Horace Russell, and Jethro H. Goodwin were appointed on the Watch.

Police-men -

Watchmen.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty third day of January, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Alderman
qualified.

George F. Williams, Esquire, Alderman elect, having appeared, was qualified by His Honor the Mayor who administered to him the oaths of office required by law.

Patterson.

Petition of James Patterson for leave to build a large wooden building at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Metropolitan
Rail Road.

Petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company, that the Board would designate such tracts as they may choose for the location of their track. Referred to Aldermen Allen, Dingley, and Dunham.

Wright.

Petition of Charles H. Wright to be compensated for injuries sustained by him while in discharge of his duties as a Watchman. Referred to the Mayor.

Laforme.

Petition of Vincent Laforme and others that lamps may be placed and lighted in Eighth Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Chelsea.

Communication from the Selectmen of Chelsea concerning the settlement of bills for the construction of the Eastern Avenue. Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

Steele.
Williams.

Remonstrance of James Steele & others against the petition of Seth Adams respecting the running

of bonds in the city. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs. 25.

January 23, 1854.

Petition of Joseph R. Farwell to be Farwell.

appointed an Agent to sell intoxicating liquor. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of S. R. Spinney and others Spinney.

that Eighth Street may be graded from A. to D. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. 10th Street.

Petition of Francis B. Hayes and Hayes

others that the western sidewalk in Seventh Street may be rendered more secure. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Seventh Street.

Petition of Lucinda Edgerly for com- Edgerly

pensation for damages sustained by change of grade in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Church Street.

Petition of William J. Otis and Otis

others for the extension of Mount Vernon Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Mt. Vernon St.

The Superintendent of Common Meidian-

Sewers presented to the Board a petition of applicants for the construction of common sewers in Meidian Street north of Turnmouth Street - in Fourth Street from 9 to Worcester Street; in Brookline Street between Shawmut Avenue and Washington Street; in Howe Street, south of Maverick Street; - which were read and referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. Sewers.

Petition of Anas G. Gibson and Gibson.

another, for a reduction of their Water Tax. Referred to the Committee on Water in concurrence.

January 23, 1854. on Lamps &c. stating that the appropriation for that Department is exhausted, and giving the reasons therefor. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred January 26th.

Rules & Orders.

The Common Council having non-concurred with this Board in the amendment proposed in the Rules and Orders of the City Council, said matter came up for concurrence: whereupon, on motion of Alderman Frost, the Board adhered to its former vote concerning said amendment.

Battery of
Artillery.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they hereby are directed to furnish a suitable Building for the deposit and safe keeping of a Battery of Artillery, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Appropriations.

Communication from the City Auditor stating that additions are needed for the appropriations for Water Works, Paving, Common &c. Grammar Schools - Sewers &c. Incidental Expenses, and Printing. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fire
Department.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs. Kiddlemore, Allen, Hatch, Bell, and H. G. Mayo with such as this Board may join, a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of altering or amending the Ordinance relating to the Fire Department, Also to report if any improvement can be made in the apparatus now used in that department. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, and Aldermen Duke and Washburn were joined.

An invitation from the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, requesting the City Council to visit their Library Rooms in Mason Street tomorrow evening, was accepted in concurrence.

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January 23, 1854.

Library.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Plummer, Hull, and Mullin, with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may join, a Committee to consider and report what salaries shall be paid the City and County Officers for the ensuing financial year, and that said Committee be authorized to report in print. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Allen and Frost were joined.

Salaries.

Petition of George P. Dudley that the agreement laid upon Anna Burdett, deceased, for construction of the common sewer in Liverpool Street may be stated. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Dudley.

Burdett.

Ordered: That the order passed this second Nov^r 1853, laying assessments for a common sewer in Dedham Street be and the same is hereby reconsidered and declared to be of no force or effect.

Dedham Street
Sewer.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers present a new Schedule of assessments for the construction of the common sewer in Dedham Street.

Dedham
Street.

Order of Notice on petition to Legislature by the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, for change of motive power east of Quincy street was referred to the Special Committee already appointed on that subject.

Boston
& Maine
Rail. road.

Agreeably to the report of the
 January 23, 1857, Committee on Licenses the following named persons were appointed
 Auditors - Auditors for the present year viz: Buckley and Bancroft - Thomas
 Baker - Francis Sprague - Willis Little - Robert Hall - Sheldon and
 Walker - John Philbrick - Horace Partridge - Oliver A. Hobart.

Newhall

Lorchester

rail road.

Order of Notice on petition to
 Legislature by Cheever Newhall and others, for a horse power Rail
 road from Dorchester to State Street in Boston was read and refer-
 red to Aldermen Allen, Dingley, and Dunham.

Second hand

articles.

Robert Allen was licensed as a
 dealer in Second hand articles at N^o 340 Commercial Street.

Hoffman.

Petition of M. Hoffman, publisher
 of a German Newspaper for a share of the city advertising, was read and
 referred to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. Came
 up concurred January 26th.

Riving

appropriation.

Communication from the Commi-
 tee on Riving stating, that the appropriation for that Department is
 exhausted, and stating the reasons therefor. Referred to the Committee
 on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Jan^y 26th.

Sewers

appropriation

Communication from the Commit-
 tee on Sewers and Drains, stating that the appropriation for that
 object is exhausted and giving the reasons therefor: read and refer-
 red to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came
 up concurred January 26th.

Whereas John Welles has given notice 29.
to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Wilkinson & Broad January 23. 1854.
Streets in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety Welles.
and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said streets should Hkinson
be widened at the place described in the said notice it is therefore hereby & Broad Sts:
Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Welles, that this Board
intend to widen the streets before mentioned, by taking a part of the
land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the
same as a public street and that Monday, the thirtieth day of January
instant at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any
objections which may be made thereto.

On the petition of Thomas J. Bayley Bayley.
Bayley, for appointment as a Surveyor of Marine the Committee on Marine
Licenses reported, that no action could be taken thereon as no Ordinance
has been passed by the City on the subject. Read & accepted.

Abner J. Gaffield, Superintendent = South
of the South Tree Bridge, reported, that 1553 vessels had passed the Tree Bridge.
Draw of that Bridge during the year 1853. Read and sent down. In
Common Council, placed on file.

Samuel Perkins, Superintendent North
of the North Tree Bridge reported, that 4314 vessels had passed the Tree Bridge.
draw of said Bridge during the year 1853. Read and sent down.
In Common Council, placed on file.

Report of the Port Physician for Port
the quarter ending Dec' 31. 1853. was read and sent down. In Common Physician.
Council, placed on file.

On the petition of Elbe Scribner Scribner.
to be paid for ladders furnished and lost at the fire in Water Street

36 The Committee on the Fire Department reported, that the petitioners have
January 23rd leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Public Library. Trustees. Agreeably to assignment the
Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Trustees of the Public Library,
and the votes being taken and counted, it appeared that Edward Everett,
George Ticknor, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, Oliver Frost, George W. Warren,
John P. Bigelow, and Samuel G. Drake were elected. Sent down for con-
currence.

Mayor's Address. The Joint Special Committee to
whom was referred the Inaugural Address of His Honor the Mayor, re-
port the accompanying Orders. For the Committee, Hildale Drake, Chair-
man. Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the
subject of Taxes, be referred to the Committee on Finance. That so
much as relates to Quincy Market, be referred to the Committee on
Public Buildings. That so much as relates to the City Debt, Public
Instruction, Water and Fire Alarms, be referred to the several joint
standing committees on those subjects respectively. Passed. Sent
down for concurrence. Came up concurred, January 26th

Back Bay. Ordered: That so much of the
Mayor's Address as relates to the Back Bay &c. be referred to a joint
Special Committee. Ward and Aldermen Lingay and Allen
were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concu-
rence. January 26th Came up concurred, and Messrs G. W. Warren,
Worley and Johnson were joined.

Public Streets. Ordered: That so much of the
Mayor's Address as relates to Public Streets, be referred to a joint
Special Committee. Passed, and Aldermen Dunham & Osborne
were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for con-

currence. January 26th came up concurred, and Messrs Bonney, Hobbs and Tubbs were joined.

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to Public Lands, be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed and Aldermen Dunham and Williams were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence came up concurred January 26th and Messrs Tilton, Beal and Shipman were joined.

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's address as relates to Public Institutions and the Lunatic Hospital, be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed, and Aldermen Dunham and Williams were appointed on the part of this Branch, Sent down for concurrence. (See page 43)

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the Fire Department, be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed, and Aldermen Drake and Washburn were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence. January 26, came up concurred, and Messrs Willemore, Woodman and Bryant were joined.

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the City Charter, be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed and Aldermen Frost and Washburn were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred January 26th and Messrs Bonney, Hinds and Kelly were joined.

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the Police and Watch, be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed, and Aldermen Williams and Drake were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for

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Public
Lands.

Institutions.
Lunatic
Hospital.

Fire
Department.

City
Charter.

Police
Watch.

32. concurrence. Came up concurred January 27th and Messrs
January 22, 1857. Demond, Jones and Atkins were joined.

Annexation.

Ordered: That so much of the
Mayor's address as relates to annexation be referred to a joint Special Committee. Passed, and Aldermen Frost and Allen were appointed on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence. Jan^y 26th
Came up concurred and Messrs Hinds, Goodwin and Simmons were joined.

Execution of

the Laws.

On motion of Alderman Frost,
Aldermen Frost, Allen and Washburn were appointed a Special Committee to consider and report on so much of the Mayor's address as has reference to the Execution of the Laws.

Funeral
Undertakers.

The following persons were appointed Funeral Undertakers for the present year; viz: Caleb J. Pratt - Oren Faxon. Franklin Smith. Richard Dillon. John Peak. Charles Broughton. Constant J. Benson. Harum Merrill. John White. Levi Whitcomb. William Cooley. Charles Cook. Lewis Jones. David Marden. John W. Pierce. Ware Wilkinson. Nahum P. Whitney. James Lynde. Philip E. Field. John D. Ingersoll. Jeremiah Tinkham. Levi L. Whitcomb. William Willcutt. M. I. Dodd. Luther L. Farbell.

Police.

Watchman.
Constable.
Constable of
the Watch.

On nomination by the Mayor,
Joseph H. Shaw was appointed a Special Police Officer for the Maine Hotel. Hibernia Society corner of Lewis and Commercial Streets.
James F. Rice was appointed a constable and a constable of the Watch, and Jonathan Aiken was appointed a Watchman.

Prisons for December 1853. Showing the condition of the Jail - Insane Asylum - House of Correction - House of Reformation and House of Industry, were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Ordered: That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be and he is hereby directed to take the Old Engine now at the House of Correction at South Boston, and that he sell or dispose of the same and pay over the proceeds into the city Treasury.

Alderman Osborne offered the following Order - Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to use the most efficient measures in the power of his department to secure the immediate enforcement of the Statutes relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, goods, wares and merchandise on the Sabbath. Alderman Dunham moved to amend by adding thereto the following words, and that the Mayor give public notice of the passage of this order which amendment being adopted, the order passed as above.

Alderman Allen offered the following order. Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to cause complaints to be entered in the Police Court against all persons known to the officers of Police as keepers or agents of drinking shops, and to procure, as far as may be at his command, evidence which shall lead to the conviction of all such offenders and suppression of such illegal traffic contrary to the laws of this Commonwealth. Read and referred to the Special Committee having charge of so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the Execution of the Laws.

Ordered: That the Committee on

January 23, 1854.

Paving

and Repairs of Streets be, and they are hereby, instructed, to consider and report upon the expediency of contracting for the paving of the Streets with the lowest bidder therefor.

Sewers

Ordered: That the Committee on

& Drains.

Sewers and Drains be, and they hereby are, instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of letting out by contract, the construction of Drains and Sewers required by the City, to the lowest bidder therefor.

Internal

Ordered: That the Committee on

Health.

Internal Health be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of contracting for the sweeping of the streets and the removal of House offal with the lowest bidder therefor.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty sixth day of January, Anno Domini, 1854

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost and William.

On the petition of Joseph R. 33

Farwell to be appointed an Agent to sell intoxicating liquors, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Farwell.

Order of Notice on petition to Free Bridge
the Legislature of S. C. Maine and others for a new Free Bridge from to
Chelsea to East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Bridges. Chelsea.

Ordered: That an addition Rail Road
of one be made to the Committee of three appointed January 18, 1854 Committee.
to attend to the City's interest in the Legislature before the Railroad
Committee &c. and that said Committee be and they are hereby
authorized and empowered to employ as assistant counsel to the City
Solicitor if they may deem it expedient so to do. Passed, and Alderman
Dunham was added to said Committee.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, Pm.

At a Special meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Fri-
day the Twenty second day of January Term Second 1854.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost, Allen,
and Drake.

Ordered: That the Mayor and Aldermen be and they are hereby appointed Surveyors of Highways in
accordance with the provisions of the City Charter. Passed in Surveyors

Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

January 27, 1854.

Common

A message was received from the

Council.

Common Council stating that two vacancies exist in that Board occasioned in the delegation from Ward No. 3 read and thereupon Ordered:

Warrant for

That a warrant be issued for a meeting of the legal voters of Ward

Ward

No. 3 at their Ward Room on Wednesday next at Seven o'clock, A.M.

meetings.

Then and then to give in their ballots for two members of the com-

mon Council, to be resident in said Ward, also to fill any and

all other vacancies now existing in any other of the offices of said

Ward. All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept

open until Seven o'clock P.M.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Thirtieth day of January, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Frost.

Nightingale

Petition of James Nightingale to

be paid for land taken to widen

be paid for land taken to widen Bedford Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Peoples Ferry

Petition of the Peoples Ferry Com-

pany

pany that a new street may be laid out from Border Street to Gunninghams Wharf and from Commercial Street to Marine

Railway Wharf as means of access to their Long Wharf. Referred to the

Committee on Streets

January 30, 1854.

Petition of Samuel W. Gleason to be paid for damages sustained by reason of the change of grade in Audubon Street of William Wilson to be compensated for damages sustained by change of grade in Church Street of Joseph L. Pigot to be paid for damage sustained from change of grade in Mercer Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Gleason.

Wilson.

Pigot

Petition of B. M. Clark & Co for leave to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Clark

Petition of Sarah L. Baker that the assessment laid upon her for cost of constructing a drain in Athens Street may be abated; of Thomas L. Emery, Jr. that the assessment laid on him for the construction of a drain in Well Street may be abated severally to abate nuisances. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Baker.

Emery.

Communication from the Water Board suggesting an increase of the penalty to be paid where the water is cut off in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on Water. Laid down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 2^d

Water.

Order of Notice on petition to the Legislature by the Fall River Railroad Company for an extension of their track into the City. Referred to the Special Committee on Rail Roads &c.

Fall River

Rail Road.

Petition of the Cambridge Rail Road Company that the City Council would accept their charter. Referred to Aldermen O'Brien and Drake with such as the Common

Cambridge

Rail Road.

38. Council may join, to consider and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb²^d and Messrs Bonney, Kendall, and Stone were joined.

Medford River
New Bridge

Order of Notice on petition to Legislature of Mr. Estlin and others for a new Bridge over Medford river. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb²^d.

Mason.
Quincy Street
House

Petition of Perez Mason for use of a room in the Quincy Street House on the Sabbath. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb²^d.

Leland.
Rail Roads.

Petition of Thomas J. Leland & others that the City Government would petition the Legislature for a repeal of so much of the Charters of certain Rail Roads as allows them to cross Causeway Street. Referred to the Special Committee on Rail Roads &c.

Boston Maine
Rail Road.

Petition of the Boston and Maine Rail Road Company, that the order requiring them to use horse power on a portion of their track, may be rescinded. Referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

Northington.
Faneuil
Hall.

Petition Roland Northington & others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 16th of February for the purpose of holding a political meeting therein. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Orcutt

Petition of Samuel Orcutt for leave to erect and use a Steam Engine in Court Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines &c.

Petition of John E. Thayer & Brother 39.

for leave to exchange a piece City Note for two 10000 notes. Referred to January 30, 1854.
the Committee on Finance with full power. Sent down for concurrence same
up concurred February 2^d Treasurer.

Petition of Henry N. Hooper Hooper.

that any hearing before a Committee on the subject of the motive Boston & Maine
power on the Maine Rail Road may be public. Referred to the Commit- Rail Road.
tee on that subject.

Order of Notice on petition to Huntington.

the Legislature by Ralph Huntington and others for the reduction of Fort Hill.
the grade of Fort Hill. Referred to the Committee on the Common re.

Alderman Orlorne was appointed Fire

ed chairman of Committee on Fire Department, in place of Alder- Department.
man Drake, resigned.

Alderman Drake was appointed Streets

ed on the Committee on Streets, in place of Alderman Orlorne re-
signed.

A communication from the Jail.

Sheriff of Suffolk inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to visit the
Jail on Friday next, was read and accepted by the Board.

Ordered: That the Committee Superintendent

on Public Instruction consider the expediency of abolishing the office of School
of Superintendent of Public Schools. Sent down for concurrence same
up concurred Feb^y 2^d

Ordered: That Aldermen Allen Fence Viewers &

and Dunham be a Committee to nominate to the Board candi- Com^{tee} to nominate,
dates for the offices of Inspectors of Lime, Fence Viewers - Cullers of Fish.

January 30, 1854.

Police

Arrests.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be required to report monthly to this Board the names of all persons arrested by the Police for any crime, and who of them are native born and who foreigners.

Policemen.

On nomination by the Mayor, John W. Bragdon, Howard A. Doe, Porter D. Tripp, W. Hampton Goodwin, & Joshua Dunbar, were appointed on the Police.

Special

Police.

John S. Bazin was appointed a Special Police Officer for vicinity of Robinson's Alley.

Watchmen.

George Ayer, and Charles Kennedy were appointed on the Watch- and William Willcutt was appointed

Special Watchman for the Public Library.

Sewers.

entries in

Ordered: That so much of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Streets as relates to entrances into the Common Sewers, be referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains to consider and report.

Watchmen.

Sunday Law.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Watchmen of this City, to make complaints in the Police Court of all violations of the Sunday Law, so called, which come under their cognizance.

Water.

Appropriation

Communication from the Committee on Water, telling that the appropriation for that Department is exhausted, and the reasons therefor. Referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Ordered: That the order of this

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order passed February 7, 1853, requiring the Watchmen of this city to account to the City Treasurer for all fees received by them as witnesses in the Police and Municipal Courts be and the same is hereby rescinded from this date.

January 30, 1854.

Watchmen.

fees.

Ordered: That so much of the

Streets.

annual report of the Superintendent; that as to watering the Streets, and carting snow from yards and passageways into the streets, be referred to the Committee on Ordinances to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. At 2^d came up concurred.

Water.

The subject of the election of a

Fire

Chief and nine Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department having come up from the Common Council in concurrence on motion of Alderman Dunham the subject of the election of a Chief Engineer was laid upon the table.

Department.

Engineers.

Petition of A. H. Lincoln & others

Engineer.

that Warren Foster may be appointed an Engineer of the Fire Department; of Samuel N. Tucker and others that James Quinn may not be elected an Engineer of the Department; of S. N. Redwin and others that James Quinn may not be elected an Engineer of the Department; of Charles C. Denton and others that James Quinn may not be elected an Engineer of the Department. Came up from the Common Council, and were placed on file.

Petition of E. J. Williams & others

Engineer.

that James Quinn may not be appointed an Engineer of the Fire Department - received and placed on file.

The Board having proceeded by ballot to the choice of nine Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, it appeared that Charles J. Clark, Elisha Smith Jr. Richard J. Martin, David C. Melton, George W. Bird, George S. Thom, Samuel J. Nutting, Joseph Dunbar, and James Quinn were elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

Rules &

Orders.

The Common Council having insisted upon its vote of non-concurrence on so much of the report of the Committee on Rules and Orders as relates to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on Streets, and having appointed Messrs. Brenny, Kelly and Atkins a Committee to confer with such Committee as this Board may appoint, said action came up for consideration. Read and laid on the table.

Garrett

The Joint Standing Committee on Water, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew J. Garrett requesting that a portion of his Water tax be refunded to him, have considered the same and respectfully report, that they think it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition. In the Committee J. T. G. Smith Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Rules & Orders.

corrections

Ordered: That the Committee who are authorized to print the Rules and Orders of the City Council be authorized to correct the same, when any grammatical error is discovered which obscures the sense or renders it doubtful or ambiguous. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Report of last

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year recommending the appointment of Commissioners to whom
shall be confided the erection of a new Library Building, be taken
from the files and referred to the Committee on the Public Library.
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred.

January 30, 1854.

Public

Library.

Petition of the Mechanic Injan-

Mechanic

try to be paid the rent for their room, for the years 1851, 52 and 53.
Referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Engineers.

Ordered: That the Joint Com-

city

mittee to whom has been referred the subject of amendment to the city
Charter, be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to report upon the sub-
ject referred to them in print; and that said Committee be authoriz-
ed to employ such assistance as they may deem necessary, and that
the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses
and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred.

and

The Common Council having

Lunatic

concurred with this Board in the reference of so much of the Mayor's
address as relates to the Public Institutions and the Lunatic Hospital
with the following amendment, viz: strike out all between A. and B.
(as recorded on page 31 of this volume) and insert instead thereof "the Com-
mittee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island." said action
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hospital

Institutions.

The Common Council Having

Library

concurred with this Board in the election of all the Trustees of the Pub-
lic Library with the exception of J. G. Duke, in whose place the coun-

Trustees

44. cit elected Thomas G. Appleton, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballot being taken and counted it appeared that Thomas G. Appleton was elected on the part of this Board in concurrence with the Common Council.

Printing.
Appropriations. Communication from the Committee on Printing stating that the appropriation for that Department is exhausted, and the reasons therefor. Referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Water Board. Ordered: That the Lochisluote Water Board be authorized to report in print. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

City Charter. A report of the Special Committee of the Common Council upon the subject of amending the City Charter, and suggesting various proposed amendments. Referred in Common Council to the Joint Special Committee on the City Charter. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Munroe. On the petition of Sarah B. Munroe, for abatement of an assessment for the construction of the Common Sewer in Sudbury Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Patterson.
Wooden building. On the petition of James Patterson for leave to build a wooden building at South Bottom of large size, the Committee on the Fire Department reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on condition and so long only as said building shall be used for mechanical purposes. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee 45

to whom is referred the subject of amending the City Charter take into consideration the expediency of so amending the City Charter as to elect Four persons from each Ward to act as School Committee, and having them elected to serve two consecutive years. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb 2^d. January 30. 1854. Charter. School Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain owners of land upon City Wharf for a division of a bond given by them to the City of Boston, have attended to their duty, examined the property covered by the bond, heard the parties and report: That in their opinion the City of Boston will lose no security and the petitioners will be greatly benefited by granting their prayer. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Charles Demond. Ordered: That Henry Teller, Reuben E. Demmon, John Worcester and William T. Hart, joint owners of the five brick stores on the north side of City Wharf, under a bond from the City of Boston, dated July 9. 1853, be authorized, in compliance with their petition, to surrender their joint original bond, and to give five separate bonds in lieu thereof, under the direction of the Committee to whom their petition has been referred, and subject to the approval of the City Solicitor. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. City Wharf.

Ordered: That the order which passed this Board on the 20th day of November 1853, establishing an assessment for the construction of a Common Sewer in H. Street, Broadway, Second, and First Streets, &c, and the same is hereby reconsidered, and declared to be of no force and effect; and it is also further Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers, &c, and he is hereby directed to present a revised schedule and valuation. H. Street Sewer.

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Lamson

Court & Street.

The Committee on Internal Health

report that the within valuation and assessment are correct and they offer an order for the collection of the same. For the Committee, Dunham B. Chairman. Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Twenty-sixth day of September, due notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Lamson Court and Street, the cost of which was Eight hundred and forty three Dollars and thirty seven cents, to be charged to persons benefited by the same, according to law; It is therefore, Ordered, That the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Ballard.

Commercial

Street.

On the petition of George Ballard,

Trustee for abatement of an assessment for construction of a common sewer in Court and Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported the following Order. Ordered: That, for the reasons set forth in the petition of George Ballard, Trustee for the abatement of an assessment for constructing the Common Sewer in Commercial Street, that the collection of said assessment, amounting to One hundred and seventy three dollars and seventy cents, be, and the same is hereby postponed, until an entry shall have been made into the common sewer from his estate. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Agreeably to an order of the Board the Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board a revised schedule of assessments for the construction of a common sewer in St. H. Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

No person appearing to object to the proposal widening of Atkinson and Broad Street by taking land of John Miller, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

The Bond of James P. Rice as a Constable of the City was approved by the Board.

Agreeably to an order of the Board the Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board a revised schedule of assessments for the construction of the common sewer in Dedham Street; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

A message was received from the School Committee proposing a convention of this Board with that body this afternoon for the purpose of electing a member of the School Committee from Ward No. 8 in place of the Rev. Baron Stowe, resigned - and this Board having concurred in said proposition, a convention was formed forthwith and being assembled, Alderman Drake and Drs. Adams and Keep were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes, who having attended to that duty, reported, that the whole number of votes was 22. Necessary for a choice 12. - Samuel Parkman had 14, and he was accordingly elected: which report was accepted, and the convention then dissolved.

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Fourth Street

Sewer.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the 30th day of May 1853, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Fourth Street, from 9. to Dorchester Street, the cost of which was Twelve hundred and ninety one dollars and eighty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Nine hundred and sixty eight dollars ⁸²/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid; their tenants or lessees.

Harre

Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the 24th day of October 1853, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Harre Street, south of Maverick Street, the cost of which was Two hundred and eighty dollars and eighty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and ten dollars ⁶³/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Meridian

Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the 9th day of May 1853, public notice there-

of having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Meridian Street north of Monmouth Street, the cost of which was Seven Hundred and fifty five Dollars and fifty two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Five hundred and sixty six dollars ¹⁰⁰ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to Orders of Bennington, Marion & Princeton Streets, this Board, passed on the 21st day of March, and the 1st day of April, 1853 public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Bennington, Marion and Princeton Streets, the cost of which was Nineteen hundred and thirty eight dollars and forty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains Twelve hundred and fifty three dollars ¹⁰⁰ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Border Street, this Board, passed on the fifth day of September 1853 public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed

50 in Border Street, south of Central Square, the cost of which was One
January 30, 1854, thousand six hundred and fifty six dollars, one quarter part whereof
being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Twelve hun-
dred and thirty nine dollars to be charged to persons benefitted by the
same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons nam-
ed in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid,
be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums there-
in set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the
expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified
and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Sewer
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of
this Board, passed on the 24th day of October, 1853, public notice thereof
having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed
in Sewer Street and Boston the cost of which was Three hundred
and forty five dollars and four cents, one quarter part whereof being
deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred &
fifty eight dollars $\frac{1}{4}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in
the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Pearl Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of
this Board, passed on the 28th day of October 1853. a Common Sewer
has been constructed in Pearl Street north of High Street the cost
of which was Two hundred dollars and forty four cents, one quarter

part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains 51.
One Hundred and fifty dollars ^{to} be charged to persons benefitted by, January 30, 1854.
the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons
named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as afore-
said, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-
pense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Brattle
of this Board, passed on the 5th day of August 1853, a Common Sewer Med.
has been constructed in Brattle Street, the cost of which was Eight hun-
dred and thirty nine dollars and thirty three cents, one quarter part
whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains
Six hundred and twenty nine dollars ^{to} be charged to persons
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered that
the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with
the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportion-
al part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered
to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their
tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Everett
of this Board, passed on the 29th day of August 1853, public notice & Office
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed Med.
at in Everett and Office Streets, the cost of which was fifteen hun-
dred and seventy eight dollars and seventy cents, one quarter
part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there re-
mains eleven hundred and eighty four dollars ^{to} be charged to

52. persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Or-
dained, that the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed,
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and
assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as
their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Brookline
Street.

- Whereas, pursuant to an Order of
this Board, passed on the 5th day of September 1853, public notice
having first been given, a common Sewer has been con-
structed in Brookline Street, between Shawmut Avenue and Washing-
ton Street, the cost of which was Four hundred and forty seven dol-
lars and eighty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be
paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred and thirty five
dollars ⁸³/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according
to law: It is therefore, Ordained, that the persons named in the Schedule
herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respec-
tive names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said
Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

At a Special meeting of the Board 53.
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Wednesday the First day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost, Odiorne
and Williams.

Petition of William Beals and Beals.
others for the use of Faneuil Hall on February 22^d instane for the pur- Faneuil Hall.
pose of celebrating Washington's birth day. referred to the Committee on
Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

Thursday February 2^d 1854.

Caleb I. Johnson member elect of Council
the Common Council from Ward No. 3. appeared, accompanied by his
colleague, Mr. Tilton, and was duly qualified by his Honor the
Mayor, who administered to him the oaths of office required by law.
common
Council
member
qualified.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Sixth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Dingley.

Sunderland.

Petition of La Roy Sunderland for leave to lecture on Mental Science at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Hammon

Petition of Richard Hammon for a license as a Dealer in Second hand Articles. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Bonney

Petition of D. Bonney and others that the Hackney carriage fares may be increased. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Licensas

Petition of Levi Martin for an Inn-holders license - of J. J. Chase Esq for a victuallers license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Morgan.

Petition of Enos Morgan that an assessment laid on him for abatement of a nuisance in Lamson Street may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Mason

Petition of J. C. Mason and others, that Myrtle Street be widened at corner of West Centre Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mary

Communication from the Sheriff of

Jail Yard.

Suffolk suggesting certain improvements in the Jail Yard. Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

An Order of Notice on petition to the Legislature by J. G. Kidder for leave to extend his Wharf. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Feb. 6. 1854. Kidder.

An Order of Notice on petition to Legislature by James Dana and others for the annexation of Charlestown to Boston was referred the Joint Special Committee on Immigration. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 9.

An Order of Notice on petition to Legislature of J. S. Richardson and others for leave to construct and maintain a line of Atmospheric Telegraph to New York. Referred to Aldermen Frost and Allen. Atmospheric Telegraph.

Petition of Thomas Hopkins for compensation for damage occasioned by change of grade in Border Street; of E. Bulman to be paid for damages sustained from the change of grade in Church Street; of W. F. Fuller to be compensated for damage sustained by change of grade in Gold Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Hopkins, Bulman, Fuller.

Petition of Cyrus Alger dothens that the facilities for crossing the Bridge at Gas Street may be increased. Referred to the Committee on Bridges. Alger

Petition of the Boston Railroad Coach Company that the Water rates for their Hatters may be reduced. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 9. Boston & Road Coach Co.

Petition of J. H. Gregory & Co for leave to erect and run a Steam Engine at No. 20. Merimac Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines & Gregory Steam engine

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Haskins

Petition of George J. Haskins, that the Water Tax assessed upon the "House of the Angel Guardian" may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence, came up concurred Feb. 9.

Ancient &
Hon: Military Co.

Petition of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company that certain improvements be made in their Armory. Referred to the Committee on Armories &c.

Hawkins

Wove, and
Marion Streets.

The Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board applications for construction of common Sewers in Hawkins Street - Wove Street, north of Beach Street - and Marion Street north of Monmouth Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Appropriations.
Common &c.

Communication from the Auditor of Accounts stating that the appropriation for the Common and Public Squares is exhausted. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Chief of Police.

Report of the Chief of Police for the month of January, showing the character of the arrests made by his department during that time, was presented and placed on file.

Appropriations
Grammar School
Houses.

Communication from the Committee on Public Buildings stating that the appropriation for Grammar School Houses is exhausted. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

House of
Industry.

Communication from the Directors of the House of Industry &c. stating that the appropriation for that

Department is exhausted. Referred in Common Council to the Committee
on Institutions to come up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Ordered: That whenever any Com-
mittee charged with the expenditure of money under the annual or-
der of appropriations, shall make to the City Council application for an
additional sum, in conformity with the eighth joint article of the City
Council, they shall make their statement and application in print, and
that this order be printed. Passed in Common Council. Come up for
concurrence. Read and concurred.

Appropriations.

An order of the Common Council,
that all regular Daily Papers published in Boston have and receive
the sum of Three hundred dollars for publishing the City Advertising
for the ensuing year, provided that all such papers shall make known
their acceptance of the same within ten days from the passage of
this order was referred to the Committee on Printing. Come up for
concurrence. Read and concurred.

Advertising

Petition of William H. Spooner &
other Hotel keepers, that the Water Rates for Hotels may be reduced.
Referred to the Committee on Water in concurrence.

Spooner.

Hotels.

Ordered: That the Committee on
the City Charter consider the expediency of amending the charter
as to give concurrent power to the Common Council in all action
relating to the laying out, widening, grading and paving of Streets.
Passed in Common Council. Come up for concurrence. Read and
concurred.

City Charter.

Streets.

Ordered: That all papers referring
to the Public Garden and Back Bay lands taken from the files and
Spends.

Back Bay

Spends.

referred to the Special Committee on so much of the Mayor's Address as refers to the Buck Bay funds and that the last communication from the Commissioners be printed. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

City Charter.
election of
Officers by the
people.

Ordered: That the Committee having under consideration the revision of the City Charter take into consideration the expediency of so amending the same as to provide for the election by the people of the following named City Officers and in the manner following: 1. The City Treasurer and Collector. 2. The City Auditor. 3. The City Solicitor. 4. The Superintendent of Public Funds. 5. The Superintendent of Public Buildings. 6. The Superintendent of Streets. 7. The Superintendent of Internal Health. 8. The Superintendent of Common Sewers. 9. The Surveyor General of Lumber. 10. Six Assessors each one respectively to be residents of and elected by his contiguous Wards. 11. Twenty four Assistant Assessors, two of which to be residents of and elected in each Ward. 12. One Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fire
Department.

The Joint Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the Fire Department, beg leave to report, that inasmuch as that subject has already been referred to another Joint Special Committee, they ask to be discharged from serving longer upon that subject. For the Committee, James F. Whittemore. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

City Charter
Sch: Committee.

Ordered: That the Committee on the revision of the City Charter consider the expediency of so amend-

ing the charter that the School Committee shall not appropriate for
salaries of teachers more money than is authorized by vote of the City
Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred.

An order authorizing the Treasurer of the County of
Suffolk to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum
of thirty six thousand dollars, and that thirty thousand dollars thereof
be added to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk, and sixteen
thousand to the appropriation for the Water Works. was agreed in Common
Council to the respective Committees having the same in charge, came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

A certificate from the Common Lunatic
Council, stating that that Council had elected Charles C. Cook, Frederick
H. Rice, George Gilmore, William A. Galloway, L. R. Allen, Charles C. Rice,
and Henry Lincoln as Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital:
came up for concurrence, and the ballots being taken and counted
it appeared that the foregoing persons were elected in concurrence,
with the exception of Charles C. Rice and Henry Lincoln, in which place
this Board elected Julius A. Palmer and Stephen Tilton. Sent down
for concurrence. Came up concurred February 9th

On motion of Alderman Frost, Rules &
the subject of the "Rules and Orders" of the City Council was taken from
the table, and thereupon this Board adhered to its former vote touch-
ing the subject of a Joint Committee on laying out and widening
streets, and this Board declined appointing any Committee of con-
ference on said subject, inasmuch as the subject is already in the
hands of the Joint Committee on the subject of the revision of the City
Charter.

At. 1854.
Auditor

Report from the City Auditor showing that he had received on account of the City for six months ending January 31, 1854, the sum of \$613.79, was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

City
Registrar.

Report of the City Registrar showing that he had received and paid into the Treasury the last quarter, the sum of \$815, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

East Boston
Canal
Free Bridge

Report of the Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Free Bridge, showing that 570 vessels had passed the draw of that bridge during the last year, was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

City Clerk

Report of the City Clerk showing that he has received during the last quarter and paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$302.32, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Hayweigher.

Report of the Hayweigher showing that he has received during the last quarter the sum of \$7,460 ²⁰/₁₀₀ - fifty per cent of which he has paid into the City Treasury, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Market-
Superintendent.

Report of the Superintendent of the Market showing that he had received during the last quarter, \$190.12 which he had paid into the City Treasury, was read and placed on file.

Lumber.
Surveyor Gen^l

The Annual Report of the Surveyor General of Lumber showing that the amount of fees received by him for the last year was \$1030.33, was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Agreeably to assignment the Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of Streets and the votes being taken and counted it appeared that Alfred L. Turner was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 9th

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Streets

Communication from the City Auditor showing that the appropriations for Lamps - Interest - Instruction of Grammar Schools - and Militia Bounty, were exhausted, was referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 9th

Communication from the City

Appropriations.

The ballots being taken and counted for a Superintendent of the South Free Bridge, it appeared that Abner J. Garfield was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 9th

South Free

Bridge. Septth

The ballots being taken and counted for a Superintendent of the North Free Bridge it appeared that Samuel Jenkins was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 9th

The ballots being taken and count-

North

Free Bridge

Superintendent.

The Board having voted to proceed to the choice of a Harbor master, it appeared that George P. Kirkbury was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 9

Harbor

Master.

The Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of W. Gipson and A. Mulhorne, have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, J. G. Smith, Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Ordinance establishing Water rates for Omnibus Stables is recorded in the Book of Ordinances.

Gipson -

Water Rates.

On the petition Samuel Orcutt
Feb. 6, 1854. for leave to erect and run a Steam Engine in Court Avenue,
Orcutt. the Committee on Steam Engines reported leave to withdraw. Read
and accepted.

Lumber. Certificate from the Common
Surveyor General. Council that that branch had elected George W. Gram Surveyor Gen-
eral of Lumber, was laid upon the table.

Lumber Ordered: That Aldermen Frost,
Ordinance Dunham, and Washburn with such as the Common Council may
Committee on join be a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of
repealing the existing Ordinances in relation to the survey of Lumber.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb¹⁶th and Messrs
Drew, Jenkins, Simmons, Kelly, and Hinds were joined.

Sturtevant Ordered: That in compliance
Meridian Street. with the conditions expressed in the deed from North Sturtevant to
the City of Boston, of the right of Easement through his land west of Bre-
der Street to the Sea the collection of the assessment laid by an order
of this Board, of the thirtieth day of January 1854 upon said Sturte-
vant for constructing the Common Sewer in Meridian Street, be, and the
same is hereby postponed, until an entry shall have been made
into the Common Sewer from his estate on said Street.

County Court Ordered: That Aldermen Odiorne
House Keeper's and Drake be a Committee to inquire as to the amount of com-
Salary. pensation received by the keeper of the County Court House for his
services.

Summer Ordered: That the Committee on
Street. laying out and widening Streets consider the expediency of continuing

Summer Street to the Commissioners line - that the same may be made for public travel.

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An order, authorizing the Committee on Internal Health to consider the expediency of removing the common sewer in Summer Street dock - and they are hereby authorized, if they deem it for the interest of the City, to remove the same and clear out the dock from the end of the old sewer to the Commissioners line, was read and laid upon the table.

Summer

Street

Sewer

Ordered: That, in all places of

Public

Public Amusement the aisles or passage ways between the seats shall not be less than three feet wide, except in cases where they are already of less width, and that no settle, stool, chair, cross board or seat of any kind shall be placed therein during any concert, Theatrical, or other exhibition. Ordered: That the Chief of Police report to this Board any violation of the foregoing order which shall come under his cognizance, to the end, that the license for any place of Public Amusement, in which said order is violated, may be revoked.

Amusement.

Seats in aisles &c.

The Committee on Sewers and

Liverpool

Drains to whom was referred the petition of the Liverpool Wharf Corporation for payment for a certain sewer running through their premises, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Wharf

Corporation

The Committee on Licenses to

Butchelder.

whom was referred the petition of Butchelder, Wrenny and others for increase of coach fares, have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee to read &c. man. Ordered: That on and after the first day of March next, the prices or rates of fare to be taken by or paid to the owner, driver or other

Wrenny,

Coach fares.

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Feb. 6. 1854. given having charge of one Hackney carriage (except omnibusses) shall be as follows, that is to say: for carrying one passenger from one place to another within the city proper, thirty seven and one half cents; 37½. For two or more passengers twenty five cents (25¢) each - except between the hours of 11 o'clock P.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. when the rate of fare shall be for the conveyance of one passenger to any part of the city fifty cents (50¢) and for two or more passengers thirty seven and one half cents (37½¢) each. For the conveyance of one passenger to or from East Boston or South Boston, fifty cents (50¢) for the conveyance of two or more passengers to or from said places, thirty seven and one half cents (37½¢) each. For children between three and twelve years of age one half of the above sums; and for children under three years of age, when accompanied by a parent or adult, no charge is to be made. Every owner, driver or other person having charge of any Hackney carriage, shall carry with each passenger, in addition to one trunk, a valise, saddle bag, carpet bag, portmanteau, box, bundle, basket or other article used in travelling, if he be requested so to do, without charge or compensation therefor; but for every additional trunk or other such article as above named, more than one, he shall be entitled to demand and receive the sum of five cents. Ordered: That Section 15 of the regulations concerning Hackney Carriages established May 13. 1850 which prescribes the rates of fares for conveyance of passengers in Hackney Carriages be, and the same is hereby repealed. Read and accepted.

Fence Viewers &c.

The Committee of this Board appointed to nominate candidates for Fence Viewers &c. reported the following persons for the following offices, which nominations were confirmed by the Board, viz: Inspectors of Lime - Joel Wheeler, David Jones. Fence Viewers - John Sprout, Abel B. Munroe. Cutters of Hoops and Shave - James

Pick Iron Lung. Butters & Dry Jan, John P. Ober, Nehemiah P. Mann. 05.
Assay Master, Samuel F. Guild. Field Drivers and Bound Keepers, Feb 6. 1854.
Samuel Stinson William B. Harding. - Sent down for concurrence.
Same up concurred Feb. 9.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Dedham
this Board, passed on the Twelfth day of September 1853, public notice Street.
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed
in Dedham Street, the cost of which was Thirteen hundred and thirty
one Dollars and forty six cents, one quarter part whereof being deduct-
ed, to be paid by the said City, there remains Nine hundred and
ninety eight dollars ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in
the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set in
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of H. Street -
this Board, passed on the Second day of May 1853, public notice Broadway.
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been con- J. Second,
structed in H. Street, Broadway, J. Second, and First Streets
the cost of which was Two thousand eight hundred and thirteen dol-
lars and forty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted,
to be paid by the said City, there remains Two thousand one hun-
dred and ten dollars ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in
the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein

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set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice being given to the parties aforesaid their tenants or lessees.

Auctioneer

Lewis J. Mitchell was appointed an Auctioneer of this City at N^o 6. Market Square.

Court House
Keeper.

On nomination by the Mayor, William Eastbrook was appointed a Keeper of the County Court House, subject the approval of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, Jonathan Haskell. John C. Kellum. Daniel Walker. Frederick P. Ingalls. and James B. Leeds were appointed on the Police: and John Roberts. George W. Brown and William Ray were appointed on the Watch.

Watchmen

Baker

On the petition of Sarah L. Baker. The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the petition report the accompanying order. For the Committee J. Durham is Chairman. Ordered: That there be abated from the assessment on Sarah L. Baker for construction of a drain to abate a nuisance in Athens Street, the sum of Thirty two ²⁴/₁₀₀ dollars for reasons set forth in her petition. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Goodnow

Ordered: That there be abated from the assessment laid upon the Goodnow lot for construction of a drain to abate a nuisance in Athens Street the sum of Seventeen ¹⁴/₁₀₀ dollars, said amount being illegally assessed.

Dudley.
Haydon.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred the petition of George C. Dudley that

the assessment upon the estate of Henry Bagden for his proportion of 67
constructing a Common Sewer in Liverpool Street be abated, report Feb. 6, 1854.
that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and the assessment, \$17.11, is
herby abated. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the reports of the Worthington.
Committee on that subject, leave was granted to Roland Worthington Beals
and others to use Faneuil Hall on the 16th instant for a political meet- Faneuil Hall.
ing, and William Beals and others were allowed the use of the Hall
on the 22^d instant to celebrate Washington's birth day, permission was
also allowed them to decorate the Hall.

Leave was granted to B. M. Clark.
Clark & Co to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk No. 71 Broad
Street, on the usual conditions.

Whereas, in the opinion of the State
City Council, the health and comfort of the inmates of the House of Scrupers.
Industry at Deer Island require that some diminution of their num-
bers should speedily be made, therefore it is Ordered: That a Joint
Special Committee of the City Council be appointed to confer with
the Authorities of the State, and to request them to take under their own
charge, such of the inmates of the said House of Industry as
are known to be State Truopers, in conformity with the 275th Chapter
of the Statutes of 1852. Passed; and Aldermen Allen and Gurnham
were appointed on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred, Feb⁹th and Messrs Hatch, Kendall and Prince
were joined.

Ordered: That the Chief of Dogs
Police notify all owners of Dogs licensed by him, to muzzle each
and every dog for the space of sixty days from the passage of this
order.

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Warrant
for meeting
Ward No. 3

A message was received from the Common Council stating that a vacancy exists in that body from the delegation from Ward No. 3. Read and thereupon Ordered: That a warrant be issued for a meeting of the legal voters of Ward No. 3, in the City of Boston at their Ward Room at the junction of Friend and Merrimac Streets, on Thursday the Ninth day of February instant at 12 o'clock M. then and there to give in their ballots for one member of the Common Council, being a resident of said Ward; also to fill any and all other vacancies existing in the offices of said Ward for the present year. All to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept open until 7 o'clock P.M.

Marble
Ordinance

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to consider the expediency, and if deemed expedient, to report an Ordinance regulating the survey and measurement of marble under the Act of 1851. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 9.

Lumber
Sur General

A motion to take from the table the subject of the election of Surveyor General of Lumber, and to proceed now with a choice, was lost.

Chief
Engineer &c.

The election of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of a Superintendent of Health and of a Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Free Bridge, were postponed one week.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Wednesday the eighth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dunham,
Drake, and Olinne.

On the Notice of Intention to
build by Henry A. Kent on O. Street, the Committee on Streets reported
that no further action is necessary respecting the lines of the street,
and referring so much as relates to the grade of Streets to the Com-
mittee on Paving. Read & accepted.

Whereas Darius Wellington has
given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings in North
Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety
and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street
should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is
therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Wel-
lington that this Board intend to widen the street before mention-
ed, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as
aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that
Monday, the Thirteenth day of February instant, at four o'clock, P.M.,
is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be
made thereto.

Whereas L. H. Pearce and company
have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings
on Federal Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said
street should be widened at the place described in the said notice,
it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said

70 I. N. Hurd & Company that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the Thirteenth day of February at 4 o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Ninth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost, Drake, and Williams.

Beverly	Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Beverly street should
Street.	be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay
Perkins, Gerrish,	out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belong-
Badger, Welles,	ing to Alfred Perkins, George W. Gerrish, D. D. Badger, John Welles, A. J.
English, Francis,	English, A. Wentworth, Ebenezer Francis, and the heirs of Harrison
Wentworth.	Gray & Co. bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner
heirs of Ois.	of the said land, being the northerly corner of land heretofore taken
	from Anioch Wentworth to widen Beverly Street; thence running
	northwestwardly, bounded by Beverly Street about two hundred and

eight feet; thence Southwesterly, by Travers Street, ten feet; thence South- 71
easterly, along the proposed line of widening of Beverly Street, about Feb. 9 1854.
two hundred and eight feet; and thence Northeasterly by the said
land taken from Wentworth, ten feet; to the point of beginning; contain-
ing two thousand and eighty square feet, more or less: Taking
from the said Perkins four hundred square feet, from the said Genish
and Badger one hundred square feet each, from the said Wells, English,
Wentworth and Francis two hundred square feet each and from the
said Skis of Ois about six hundred and eighty square feet more or
less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as ap-
pears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the
parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and
laid out as a public street or way in the said City - according to a plan
of the said widening made by A. J. Chishrough, City Engineer dated
June 21st 1852 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and
Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widen-
ing the said Beverly Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Six thousand
three hundred dollars: which sum, together with the amount of pre-
vious alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present
municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Passed:
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, April 20th

Joseph L. Drew, member of the Common Council elect from Ward No. 4 ap- Com. Council
peared, accompanied by his colleague Mr. Neal, and was duly qualified by member
his Honor the Mayor, who administered to him the oaths of office required qualified
by law.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the Thirteenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Wright.

Petition of William Wright and
others for removal of a Watchman who is not an inhabitant of the City.
Referred to the Mayor.

Dyer,
Atkinson Street.

Weld,
Church Street.

Petition of C. C. Dyer to be paid for
damage sustained by change of grade in Atkinson Street. of John G.
Weld, guardian, to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade
in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Richardson

Petition of Thomas Richardson for
leave to move some buildings from Summer Street to Foundry Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hobbs

Petition of Prentiss Hobbs for abate-
ment of taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' Department
on the part of this Board.

Matthews.

Petition of Nathan Matthews that
Ann Street may be widened and its name changed to North Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Gaut.

Petition of Henry M. Gaut to be
paid for damages sustained by the widening of Washington Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Gardner.
Faneuil Hall.

Petition of Henry J. Gardner and
others for the use of Faneuil Hall during the present month the 28th
to respond to the Legislative Resolutions on the Nebraska Bill. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Petition of R. G. Forbes for 73.
leave to give an exhibition at the Melodeon. Referred to the Com. Feb. 13. 1854.
mittee on Licenses. Forbes

Petition of Gordon Forrest and Forrest.
others for use of Council Hall, March 3^d next for "povee" of the Council Hall.
Union Temperance Society. Referred to the Committee on Public Build-
ings on the part of this Board.

Order of Notice on petition to City Improvement
Legislature by the City Improvement Company for the widening of the Company.
Boston and Chelsea Bridge Draw. Referred to the Committee on Bridges. Chelsea Bridge.

Petition of William A. Shaw Shaw.
for leave to try his new Gas apparatus on Lamp district N^o 16. Referred to the Committee on Lamps with full power.

Petition of William Johnston Johnston.
for abatement of a nuisance in Third Ward. Referred to the Committee
on Internal Health.

Petition of William H. Guild Guild.
for a Common Sewer in Walnut Street. Referred to the Committee
on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of William L. Barstow Barstow.
and others for an additional Fire Engine at East Boston. Referred
to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Dr. A. A. Gould for Gould.
compensation for services rendered at request of a City Watchman.
Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred February 16th.

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militant.

Petition of Abijah R. Jewksbury and Henry Curtis of Ballast Inspectors for certain changes in the existing Ordinance on that subject. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 16.

Lawrence.

Boston & Maine
rail road.

Petition of Samuel Lawrence and 2000

others that Steam may be restored as a motive power on the Boston and Maine railroad east of Henshaw Street. Referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

Monterey

Petition of A. & B. S. Monterey to be paid for

land taken to widen Washington Street: was laid on the table.

Pope.

Order of Notice on petition to Legislature

by William Pope for leave to extend his Wharf. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor, in concurrence.

Hammatt.

Order of Notice on petition to Legislature

by B. Hammatt and others for leave to build a Wharf at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor in concurrence.

Fire

Department
Ordinance.

Ordered: That the Committee on

the subject of the Fire Department consider the expediency of amending the Fire Ordinance, as to make it incumbent on the Chief Engineer to examine, from time to time, all buildings in this City in their progress of erection that attain the height of six stories and upwards. Also to keep or cause to be kept a record of each and every building so erected giving his opinion in regard to the strength of the walls of said building, and whether in his judgement it would be safe for the firemen to approach said buildings when on fire. To furnish a copy of record of each building when erected to each of his assistants and

news. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

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The Committee on Water to Water.

whom was referred the order for borrowing Sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) as an additional appropriation for the use of the architect Water Board respectfully represent to the City Council, that in compliance with the eighth section of the Rules and Orders of the City Council they made a report on the subject in January last as will be seen in the printed City Document No. 13. As they have no further information on the subject they can now do nothing more than to renew their recommendation to the Council to pass the order referred to. For the Committee, Samuel Hatch. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Reporters

Public Buildings be authorized to place desks and stools on each side of the President's desk for the accommodation of the Reporter for the Public Press, and charge the same to the appropriations for Incidental expenses and Miscellaneous claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table. (See page 106)

Ordered: That the report of the Common c:

Committee on the Common, Mills &c: asking for an additional appropriation of one thousand dollars, be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report to the City Council what amount, if any, has already been expended for the present financial year beyond the appropriation made therefor - and for what purpose and upon what authority the same has been expended. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Feb 13. 1854. whom was referred the within order by leave to make the following report: That they have given the subject proper consideration and would unanimously recommend the adoption of the following Order. For the Committee, James S. Whittemore. Ordered: That the Committee on Printing be and they are hereby authorized to contract with the following papers printed in the City of Boston for doing the City Advertising. Boston Atlas, Post, Daily Advertiser, Daily Courier, Journal, Evening Traveller, Transcript, Commonwealth, Herald, Times, Mail, Chronicle, &c, American Patriot, South Boston Gazette, East Boston Ledger. &c. upon such terms as they can agree upon the price for the Dailies not to exceed Three hundred dollars per annum, and the Weeklies One hundred dollars per annum. Passed in Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment, at & inserted: The Evening Gazette, Sunday News and Weekly Express. Sent down for concurrence.

Liverpool
Wharf.

On motion of Alderman Williams, the Board having reconsidered the vote whereby the report of the Committee on Levee and Drains, giving the Liverpool Wharf Corporation leave to withdraw was accepted; said subject was recommitted to said Committee.

Chelsea.

Ordered: That the Mayor be directed to petition the Legislature for such a modification of the Statute of 1831 relating to the condition of the connection between Chelsea and Boston, as he may, with the advice of the City Solicitor, deem for the best interest of the City.

Independence

An order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hatch, Drew, Jones, Cowdin, and Plummer with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a Committee

to make suitable arrangements to celebrate the approaching anniversary 77
of the declaration of American Independence and that the expenses Feb. 13. 1854.
thereof be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims provid-
ed that no part thereof shall be spent for uident spirits. Came up for
concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Ordered: That the Commit- City Charter-
tee to whom was referred the subject of a revision of the City Charter Com. Council
consider the expediency of providing by an amendment of the Charter
that the members of the Common Council shall be elected for the
term of two years, two being chosen in each Ward in alternate years.
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence, Read and
concurred.

Petition of Elisha T. Horing Horing.
for leave to purchase the Engine House near the corner of Purchase
and Broad Streets referred to the committee on Public Buildings in
concurrence.

Ordered: That the Committee City Charter-
to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Address as refers to the Foreign
City Charter, consider the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for Insurance
the enactment of a law authorizing the Mayor and Aldermen of the Companies.
City of Boston to assess and tax, all Foreign and other Fire Insurance
companies of other States, cities and Towns, having agencies in Boston
or insuring property in said City, one third of one per cent on each
and every dollar of the sum insured by said Companies in the City of
Boston: Also, giving the Common Council authority to invest the
assessments as aforesaid as a permanent fund, the interest of which
shall be appropriated and paid to all disabled firemen who become
so by performing their duties as Firemen within the City of Boston:
Also, to make provision for the heirs of said Firemen if needed for

70. their support. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Feb. 13 1854. Read and concurred.

Betterment

Ordered: That _____ be a Committee

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to consider and report on the expediency of applying to the Legislature for authority to assess a part or all the expense of laying out and widening Streets in the City of Boston upon the estates benefited thereby. Read and referred to the Joint Special Committee on the City Charter. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 16

Printing.

Ordered: That the Committee on Printing

be and they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for doing the City Printing for the ensuing year, and that the Mayor be authorized to contract with the lowest bidder therefor, if the Committee shall deem it expedient—the work to be done in the same style and manner as at present. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 16

Cambridge

Order of Notice on petition to Legislature

Rail Road.

for certain amendments to the Charter of the Cambridge Rail Road. Referred to the Joint Special Committee on that subject. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 16th

Appropriations
transfers.

Ordered: That the Auditor be and

he is hereby authorized to make the following transfers & appropriations, viz: add to Grammar Schools, Five thousand dollars by transfer from Grammar School Houses:—add to Printing &c. One thousand dollars by transfer from the Reserved Fund. Passed in Common Council. Yeas, 41. Nays 2. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Dingley, Dunham, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne, Williams. 9. Nays none.

Ordered: That the Auditor be au- 79

thorized to make the following transfers of appropriations, viz: Add to Inci Feb. 12, 1854.
Sential Expense Six thousand dollars by transfer from Unliquidated Claims, Appropriation.
Add to Gas Fittings, Fifty five hundred dollars by transfer from Widening transfers of
Street; Add to Sews and Drains, One thousand dollars by transfer from
Reserved Fund; Add to Paving &c: Eleven thousand dollars by transferring
Eight thousand dollars from May at East Boston and Seven thousand
dollars from Grammar School House. Passed in Common Council,
Yeas 41. Nays 1. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas
The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Lingay, Dunham, Washburn, Luke,
O'Brien, Williams - 9. Nays none.

Order of Notice on petition to Charlestown
Legislature by James Lee, & others for location of a railroad from Rail Road.
Charlestown to Boston. Referred to the special committee on the Metropol-
itan Rail Road.

Order of Notice on petition to Western
Legislature by A. A. Hazen and others for location of the track of the Avenue
Western Avenue Rail Road over the Mill Dam to Charles Street. Referred to the committee on the Metropolitan Rail Road.

Ordered: That the Superintendent Gates,
of Streets grade cuts and Mercer Streets: also to finish and complete Mercer
the 20 feet Street called River Street between Second & 4th Streets: all to be River Street.
done under the direction of the committee on Paving.

Richard Hammon was licensed to Second hand
sell Second hand articles at No. 1, Portland Place. articles.

Leave was granted to La Roy Dun- Sunderland.

80. | derland to lecture upon Mental Science at Amory Hall.

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Peace
Federal Street. Agreeably to notice J. H. Peace appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Federal Street by taking land leased by him - after which said subject was recommitted to the Committee with full power.

North Street. No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of North Street by taking land of Dennis Wellington, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Haskins
The Joint Standing Committee on Water, to whom was referred the petition of George J. Haskins that the "Water Tax" assessed upon the House of the Angel Guardian may be abated, would respectfully report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Boston
Rail Road Coach Company. The Joint Standing Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Rail Road Coach Company, that the Water Rates for their Stables may be reduced have considered the subject and respectfully Report: That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Merrill.
Petition of the widow of Daniel Merrill late Keeper of the County Court House, that his salary may be continued to the end of the present quarter. Read and thereupon Ordered: That the salary allowed by the County of Suffolk to Daniel Merrill late keeper of the County Court House be continued and paid to the end of the present quarter.

Ordered: That the Treasurer \$1.

be directed to pay no bills of expense presented by towners on account Feb. 13, 1854.
of Inquests unless they are approved by the Committee on County Ac- towners.
counts.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Hawkins
this Board, passed on the 25th day of April 1853, a Common Sewer has Street.
been relaid in Hawkins Street the cost of which was Two hundred. Sewer.
and fifty five dollars and ninety cents, one quarter part whereof being
deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains One hundred and
ninety one dollars & 75^{cts} to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named
in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and not-
ice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Cove Street
this Board, passed on the 7th day of March 1853, public notice thereof, hav- Sewer.
ing first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Cove
Street, north of Beach Street, the cost of which was Six hundred and
three dollars and eighty six cents, one quarter part whereof being de-
ducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and
fifty two dollars & 75^{cts} to be charged to persons benefitted by the same
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in
the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice

82. thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

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Marion Street

sewer.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the 20th day of June 1853, public notice thereof having first been given, a common Sewer has been constructed in Marion Street, from north of Monmouth Street, the cost of which was Two hundred and thirty five dollars and forty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains one hundred and ninety six dollars 88 to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Ward Room.

for

Ward No. 8.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to provide a suitable Ward Room for Ward No. 8. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 16th

Fire

Department.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on the Fire Department, the annual appointments of officers for the various companies of the Department, as submitted by the Board of Engineers, were approved by the Board.

Fremont

Street.

Ordered: That the standing Committee of this Board on Laying out and widening Streets be directed to consider the expediency of widening Fremont Street, between Boylston Street and the bridge over the track of the Boston and

Worcester Rail Road so that it shall be at least eighty feet in width.

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Ordered: That the Joint Special Committee on the subject of the revision of the City Charter, consider the expediency of so amending the same as to provide that the Board of Aldermen shall consist of nine persons, three of whom shall be elected annually. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred February 16.

City

Charter

Aldermen.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of the Committee on Paving, cause Broadway, Second and Third Streets, between 2^d and 3^d Streets, to be graded for Public travel: also to change the grade of said streets, if said Committee deem the same expedient.

Broadway.

Second

Third Streets.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health under the direction of the Committee on Internal Health be and he is hereby authorized to sell at Public Auction, or otherwise, nine large wagons formerly used for the conveyance of House offal and which are not now required by his Department. Sent down for concurrence (See page 92.)

Health.

Wagons

Ordered: That the Committee on Paving and Sewers be and they are hereby directed to take cognizance of all cases where the streets or sewers are closed by excavations or otherwise, by any Rail Road now-entering or intending to enter the City - and that said Committee have full power respectively to take such measures in the premises as shall conduce to the interests of the City.

Paving

Sewers

Rail Roads

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Broad Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and

Broad Street.

Wells.

Feb. 13. 1854.

land as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land
 belonging to John Miller, bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by
 land heretofore taken from Abram French to widen the said Broad
 Street, $1\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the said street, twenty four feet;
 Southwardly to a road or passageway, $1\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; and Southwardly
 to the proposed line of widening of the said street twenty four
 feet; containing eleven square feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a square foot, more or less.
 And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board
 to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by
 the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of
 land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as
 a public street or way of the said city, according to a plan of the said
 widening made by Henry S. Mc Keen dated August 15. 1853. and deposited
 in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth ad-
 judge that the expense of widening the said Broad Street, as aforesaid,
 will amount to One hundred dollars: which sum together with the
 amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in
 said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the
 sum of five thousand dollars.

Atkinson
 Street -
 Sanford

Resolved, That the safety and con-
 venience of the Inhabitants of the city require that Atkinson Street
 should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and
 lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land
 belonging to Samuel Sanford, bounded as follows, viz: Northwest-
 wardly by land heretofore taken from Mathias Kramer to widen the
 said Atkinson Street, four feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southwestwardly by
 the said street, twenty four feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southwardly
 to the proposed line of widening of the said street, twenty four
 feet; and Southwardly by land heretofore taken from James S. Webster
 to widen the said street, four feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; and Northeastwardly

by the proposed line of widening of the said street about twenty four
feet; containing one hundred and fifteen square feet, and for
a square foot, more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given
of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for
the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto annexed
It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and
the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the
said city according to a plan of the said widening made by E. L. Ches-
brough dated Dec. 19th 1852 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor
and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widen-
ing the said Atkinson Street, as aforesaid, will amount to five hundred
dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous
alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present mu-
nicipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

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x -

The Joint Standing Committee Water

on Water to whom was referred the communication of the Architectural Ordinance
Water Board, suggesting an increase of the penalty to be paid where the
Water is cut off in certain cases, have considered the subject and re-
commend the adoption of the accompanying ordinance. For the com-
mittee. J. F. Smith, Chairman. Read and ordered to be printed.

Agreeably to assignment the Superintendent of Health

Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Health, and
the applications of A. W. Hall, Charles F. Mayo, Joseph Colburn, John Atkins,
Silas Warren and Samuel Higgin as really for said office having
been read and sent down the votes were taken and counted when
it appeared that C. F. Mayo was elected. Sent down for concurrence.

Feb. 13, 1854. The Committee on the Common x.
made a statement to the Board of the reasons why the appropriation
for that Department is exhausted and they recommend the pas-
sage of the original order for the transfer of one thousand dollars to the
Common from Old Claims. Read and sent down. In Common Council,
placed on file.

Tenant
Officers.

On nomination by the Mayor, Azor
Maynard and Ann Estlin were appointed Tenant Officers for the
Southern district and South Boston; William H. Brown for East Boston
and the Northern District; William F. Reed for the Western District, who
were also appointed Constables.

Watchman.

Thomas S. Carroll was appointed
on the Watch.

County
Accounts.

The Committee on County Accounts
submitted to the Board a statement of the reasons, so far as they know
them, which occasioned a deficit in the appropriation for that depart-
ment, and recommended the passage of the order providing for a trans-
fer to that Department. Read and sent down.

Chief
Engineer
of the Fire
Department.

Agreeably to assignment the Board pro-
ceeded to the election of a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and
the following communications were read and placed on file. Petition
of Samuel N. Tucker and others that Mr. Barnicoat be elected - or
Mr. Smith in case of his resignation - Communication of Charles S.
Clark and other Engineers stating that the report that they desire the
removal of Capt. Barnicoat to be truthless. Petition of Benjamin A. Spear
and others that Capt. Barnicoat be elected, or in event of his resigna-
tion that E. Smith Jr. be chosen, was read and sent down. In Common
Council, placed on file. The votes having been then taken & counted it

appeared that James Quinn was elected, thereby non-concurring
with the common Council in the election of William Barnicoot. Sent Feb. 13, 1854
down for concurrence.

The Bond of George P. Tewksbury, Harbor Master was approved by the Board.

On motion of Alderman Odiorne the subject of the election of a Surveyor General of Lumber was taken from the table and petitions in favor of the appointment of George H. General chosen. Kram, and of George Sage to said office were read and placed on file. At this stage of the proceedings Alderman Frost submitted to the Board the following resolve. Resolved: That the Ordinance regulating the survey and admeasurement of Lumber brought into the City of Boston to water for vote passed July 25, 1842, and the ordinances in addition thereto passed Dec. 31, 1847, and July 19, 1852, are not required by any public necessity and ought to be repealed. Read and referred to Aldermen Williams, Dunham and Frost. The votes being then taken and counted it appeared that George W. Kram was elected in concurrence with the common Council.

The ballots being taken and counted for a Superintendent of the East Boston and Chelsea Free Bridge a appeared that C. J. Travers was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 16.

Alderman Washburn submitted to the Board a lease of a room in Old State House to N. A. Thompson at a rent of \$800 per annum for three years, which was approved by the Board.

Alderman Frost presented to the Board, a communication addressed to him from a member of the

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Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders, on the subject of the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on laying out and widening Streets which he moved should be laid on the table and printed for the information of the Board, which motion was adopted.

Execution
of the laws
liquor
question

Alderman Frost, from the Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the 'Execution of the Laws' and also an order directing the Chief of Police to cause complaints to be entered in the Police Court against all persons known to the officers of Police as keepers or agents of drinking shops and to procure the conviction of such offenders against the laws of the Commonwealth; presented a report at length upon those subjects and recommended the passage of the following orders - viz: Ordered: That the Chief of Police, under the direction of His Honor, the Mayor, be and he is hereby required to cause complaints to be entered in the Police Court in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen against all persons known to the Police as keepers or agents of shops for the sale of intoxicating liquors contrary to the laws of this Commonwealth on being informed of the same and when they are furnished with reasonable proof of the fact." 2. Ordered: That the frequenting of places used for selling intoxicating liquors by members of the Police or Watch, except on official duties by order of the Mayor or Chief of Police, on proof of the fact shall be deemed by the Mayor good and sufficient cause for removal from office. Alderman Allen, from the same Committee submitted to the Board a minority report, recommending the passage of the following order, viz: Ordered: That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to cause complaints to be entered in the Police Court against all persons known to the officers of Police as keepers or agents of

pling Shops, and to procure as far as may be at his command such 89
evidence as shall lead to the conviction of all such offenders and Feb. 13 1851
the suppression of such illegal traffic, contrary to the laws of the Com-
monwealth. The question being upon the passage of the orders offered
by Alderman Frost, Alderman Odiorne moved to amend order No. 1
by striking out all after the word Commonwealth, and inserting in-
stead thereof the following, "when they shall have reasonable proof of
the fact." Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Furham the whole subject
was laid upon the table, and all the documents ordered to be printed.

The ballots having been taken & City
counted for a City Registrar it appeared that Nicholas A. Apollonio was Registrar
elected. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Thursday the Sixteenth day of February, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dingee,
Drake, and Washburn.

The Joint Committee appointed under Public
the Order of January 23rd on "so much of the Mayor's address as relates to

Feb 16. 1834.

to Public Streets," have considered the same and Report: There is no subject of municipal regulation and improvement that has engaged the attention of the Government and the citizens at large more frequently and earnestly, than the subject of laying out new, and improving old, narrow and crooked streets. There is no City in the Union of any considerable magnitude where so much has been done and where there remains so much which it seems inevitable must be done, if Boston is to advance in commercial importance at all equal to her aspirations. And there is no City within the knowledge of your Committee where the expense of laying out and widening ^{that} is so great in the first place and where such expense is all borne by the public however beneficial it may be to individuals in the same or contiguous streets. Your Committee are aware that there is a prejudice against any change that contemplates an assessment for betterments; this prejudice has grown out of the knowledge of the operations of a law in New York City, known as a betterment law, which law charges upon those benefitted the whole expense of the widening of the street even to the charges of engineering, and all the expenses precedent to such widening and appropriating thereof. Such a law would be justly obnoxious, and yet a law which recognizes the principle of betterments to an extent beyond the present law, seems not only expedient, but eminently just. The present law applies this principle to the parties whose Land is taken to widen a street. The damage is first to be estimated they shall then allow by way of set off the benefit if any to the property. See Revised Statutes Chap. 24. Sec 31st. Now why should those who are damaged by the taking of their land and with-
 out it may be, to improve a street why should they pay directly for the benefit such widening is to them, while the parties opposite that are just as much benefitted pay nothing. It is said that in practice

this is not found so to apply, that there is not any allowance made for 91.
betterment. This may be so but there is no answer to the injustice of the law. Feb. 13. 1854.
This result may arise from the fact of the evident injustice of the prin-
ciple of the law, and for that reason, it is practically nullified. But would
it not be better to have a law theoretically just, that it may be practi-
cally applied. Another objection is that there would be cases of injustice
in consequence of the change of principle. That might be a limited event
be true, but is that a sufficient answer, if it was, an end would
at once come to all progress. We are continually hampering upon the
graves of the dead past, perhaps too cautiously and thoughtlessly of the
buried hopes which are there entombed. But so it is and so must be.
We must advance or be crushed by the advancing multitude; and
the fact that the mode or principle adopted in the case of laying out
and widening streets is substantially the same as it was under
the old solemn ordinances; and further that the principle is the same
in the hills of Berkshire or the sands of Long Island, it being a general
law, as it is in the City of London, where it is an inalienable
square foot, justly and right to allow any one that a change ought
to be made. Your Committee would recommend to the favorable
consideration of the City Council the draft of a law herewith submit-
ted with a few modifications; but as this matter is intimately
connected with the City Charter and as a Committee of the City
Council have had under consideration, your Committee would re-
commend that this report and the accompanying document be refer-
red to that Committee. For the Committee, Pelham Bonney. Read
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

The Committee on Sewers & Drains Sewers
to whom was referred the order of the Board dated January 30th last.

92. respecting the mode of entering the Common Sewers, reported a
Feb. 10 1854. reference and subject to the Committee on Faving. Read & accepted.

Com: Council
member
qualified.

Benjamin F. Mahan, member of
the Common Council, elect, from Ward N^o 3 appeared accompanied
by his colleague Mical Tubbs and was duly qualified by His Honor,
the Mayor, who administered to him the oaths of office required by
law.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Friday the Seventeenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Frost and
Washburn.

Health
Wagons

The Common Council having
concurred with this Board in the passage of the order of February
15th authorizing the Superintendent of Health to sell nine wagons,
with the following amendment, viz: strike out at A "or otherwise"
(as recorded on page 83. of this book). Said action came up for concu-
rence. Read and concurred.

Wren
County of
Suffolk
State Parks

Ordered: That the Treasurer be
and he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Com-
mittee on Finance, the sum of Forty six thousand dollars, and that
Twenty thousand dollars thereof be added to the appropriation for the
County of Suffolk, and Sixteen thousand to the appropriation for the

Water Works Passed in Common Council. Yass 45. Nays 0. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred. Yass; The Mayor, Aldermen Allen,
Dingley, Dunham, Drake, Odiorne, Williams - 7 Nays 0. Feb. 17, 1854.

Ordered: That the Committee City Officers
on Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of repealing or Contracts with.
amending an Ordinance entitled, an Ordinance in relation to Con-
tracts with City Officers passed Dec 23, 1850. Sent down for concurrence
Feb 23 came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee City
on Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of establish- Forester.
ing the office of City Forester said officer to be appointed by the Mayor
and his salary to be determined by the City Council. Sent down for
concurrence. Came up concurred, Feb. 23

The Committee appointed to Fire
take into consideration the expediency of altering or amending the Department
Ordinance relating to the Fire Department, also to report if any im- Alarm
provement can be made in the apparatus now used in that De- Fire engine
partment, have considered in part the matter committed to them
and respectfully submit the following report. The Committee have
held several meetings and several parties have appeared before
them and represented the condition and necessities of the Fire De-
partment. It has been represented that when the department was
reduced to its present force too much reliance was placed upon the
power of the bochituate hydrants, that experience has shown while
in some instances they have proved a powerful auxiliary in ex-
tinguishing fires, in others and in a large portion of the most pop-
ulous sections of the City they have been of little service except in
supplying water to the engines. It has also been represented that the

Feb. 17, 1854.

apparatus at present in use is insufficient to afford that protection against fire which the best interests of the city demand: additional engines are required, and the force of the engine companies should be increased to forty members each. We have had our attention directed to the Steam Fire-Engine now in use in the city of Cincinnati, reliable statements have been made to us that the power of this machine is equal to that of six hand engines, and while it secures such immensely increased protection, the expense of manning it is not materially greater than of such engines as are now used in our department. In a report recently published by the City Council of Cincinnati, the Chief Engineer states, "all doubt has been removed of the practicability of using Steam power in putting out fires." From the foregoing representations and other statements made to your Committee from the fact that there have been recently erected several lofty warehouses in our city to accommodate the increasing necessities of our merchants and mechanics, and that our restricted territorial limits admit of no other feasible method of obtaining additional business accommodations than to erect similar structures and from the belief that the city should provide adequate protection against the ravages of fire to all her citizens: we are of the opinion that one or more Steam Fire-engines should be obtained for our Fire Department, provided, after further investigations and full examinations is had, their present effective qualities are sustained, and it should prove desirable to employ them in our department, we therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. Resolved, Stephen Allen & Co. Ordered: That the Special Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to visit Cincinnati to examine the Steam Fire Engine, and that their expenses be paid by the city and charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Read in common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid 95
on the table.

Feb 17. 1854.

The order appointing a committee of arrangements for the celebration of the Declaration of Independence was taken from the table and passed in concurrence, a motion to limit the expense being lost, and the Mayor, Aldermen Odiorne, Williams, and Dunham were joined on said Committee.

Independence-
committee on.

Alderman Drake having declined serving on the Joint Special Committee on the Fire Department, Alderman Odiorne was appointed in his place.

Fire
Department-
Committee on

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the twentieth day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Cyrus Foster for leave to advertise a notice of his Annual Concert in a certain way. Referred to the Mayor.

Foster

Petition of Willard Page for a theatrical license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Feb. 20. 1854. Hunnewell, respecting the condition of Haver and Princeton
Streets at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hammond.

Communication of Thomas I.

ellis charging Police Officer N.K. Hammond with improper con-
duct. Referred to the Mayor.

Croton

Petition of F. I. Croton for leave

to exhibit a series of paintings at Amory Hall. Referred to the
Committee on Licenses.

Lawrence.

Petition of William F. Lawrence

for an Auctioneer's license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Perry.

Petition of William L. Perry and

others that South Street may be paved from Beach to High Stads.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Boston

Petition of Boston Veteran

Veterans

Association for approval of their organization as a Military Corps.
Referred to the Committee on Armories &c.

Andrews

Petition of Joseph Andrews for an

abatement of assessment for construction of a Common Sewer
in Cottage and Everett Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &
Drains.

Blanchard.

Petition of C. H. Blanchard and others

that the regulation respecting turnings &c. may be enforced. Referred
to the Committee on Paving.

Fairbanks

Ordered: That due notice be given

Hubbard Street. That the Board will on Monday the fifth day of March 1854 at 11

Black, M. take into consideration the expediency of enlarging the
Common Sewer in Bedford Street and of assessing the expense there-
of on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such
Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any
benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and
there be heard.

The Special Committee of this
Board to whom was referred the writ declaring that the public
necessity requires the repeal of the existing Ordinances on the subject
of Lumber, beg leave to report, that, inasmuch as this subject is
already in the hands of the Committee on Ordinances, said resolve
should be referred to that Committee. For the Committee, George S. Wil-
liams, Chairman. Read and accepted and the resolve was referred
to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred Feb. 23^d

Petition of the Harbor Master
for an increase of salary - and of Jonas Mullin, keeper of the Office
and room for an increase of station: referred to the Committee
on Salaries. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, Feb. 23.

Communication of George P.
Tewksbury, Harbor Master, that suitable buoys may be placed on
certain rocks and spits in the Harbor. Referred to the Committee on
the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, Feb. 23^d

The Treasurer of the Franklin
Fund having signified to the Board that his accounts were ready
for examination. Aldermen Tingley and Williams were appointed
a Committee for that purpose.

Feb 20. 1854. *Ordered: That so much of the order of the City Council, passed in May 1847, as requires that all moneys received for Licenses for Tops, Trucking Carriages, Trucks and Wagons shall be credited to the Police Department be and it is hereby repealed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb. 23^d*

Stebbins. *Order of Notice on petition to Legis-*
Chelsea *lature by Isaac Stebbins and others for a Rail Road from Chelsea*
Rail Road. *to Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Metropolitan Rail Road.*

West Cambridge. *Order of Notice on petition to Legis-*
Medford Bridge. *lature by Selectmen of West Cambridge for a new Bridge over Medford*
River. Referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Charles River. *Order of Notice from the Legislature*
Warren Bridge. *on subject of Charles River and Warren Bridges. Referred to the*
Committee on Bridges.

Old Colony. *Orders of Notice on petitions to*
Rail Road. *the Legislature by Old Colony Rail Road - R. & G. Buckford & Son*
Buckford. *Marine Company, desiring to leave to extend their wharves. Referred*
Boston Wharf Co. *to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence.*
Came up concurred Feb. 23^d

Superintendent. *The Committee on Public Instruc-*
of Schools. *tion who were directed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing*
the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools have attended to their
duty, and respectfully report: That they have examined the subject
referred to them, and are satisfied that the public interest has been
promoted by the establishment of said office; and, as sufficient reasons
have not been given for its discontinuance, the Committee ask to

be discharged from any further consideration of the subject. For the Committee, J. A. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Feb^y 23^d

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Feb. 26, 1854.

On petition of the Boston Light Artillery Company. Ordered: That the Armory at present used by the Boston Light Artillery Company, at the corner of Portland and Traverser Streets, be approved by this Board at an annual rent not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

Boston Light
Artillery.

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will on Monday, the 1st of March at 4 o'clock, PM, take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Walnut Street, and of assessing the expense thereon all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Build.

Walnut St.

Ordered: That the Committee on Stamps, Bills and Checks, inquire into the expediency of constructing Gas Works for the manufacture and supply of gas for lighting the rail and public buildings; and for such other purposes as may be deemed expedient.

Gas Works

for the City.

Ordered: That the Armory assigned by the Mayor and Aldermen to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in Hancock Hall, be fitted up for the purposes of said Company at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, March 2^d

Ancient

Honorable

Artillery Co^y

Ordered: That the sum of Thir-

Feb. 20. 1854.

Hart.

teen dollars and fifty six cents assessed by an order of this Board of the 6th instant upon Margaret Hart for her proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Broadway and E. streets be and the same is hereby abated, in consequence of her inability to pay the same.

State

Paupers.

The Joint Special Committee

who were directed to confer with the State Authorities relative to the transfer of the State Paupers from New Island to the State Almshouses, reported, that a letter from the Secretary of the Commonwealth had been received, which states, that the new Almshouses of the State cannot be ready for occupancy before April next. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred,

Feb. 23^d

Special

Police Officer.

On nomination by the Mayor

Joseph Leary was appointed a Special Police Officer for the Gasometer in Sea Street.

Sur^g General

of Lumber.

Constables.

The Bonds of George W. Gram as

Surveyor General of Lumber and of John C. Patten, Azor Maynard,

William H. Brown, as Constables, were approved by the Board.

Kent.

The Committee on Paving to whom

were referred the petition of Henry A. Kent, for the grade of C. Street, reported, that no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Gardner.

Forrest.

Faneuil Hall.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on

Public Buildings, on the part of this Board, the use of Faneuil Hall are granted to Henry Gardner & others for February 25th instant and to Gordon Forrest and others for March 3^d next.

On the petition of T. H. Gregory No. 101.

for leave to erect and run a Steam Engine in Canal Street, the Feb. 20, 1854.
Committee on Steam Engines &c. reported leave to withdraw. Paul Gregory.
and accepted.

Resolved, That the safety and Atkinson
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Atkinson Street
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and Welles.
lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land
belonging to John Hens bounded as follows, viz: Northwesterly
by land of Samuel Guild, one foot and $\frac{75}{100}$ of a foot; Northeasterly
by the said Atkinson Street one foot and $\frac{75}{100}$ of a foot; South-
westerly by land of Calvin Shoben one foot; and Southwesterly
by the proposed line of widening of the said Street about sixty one
feet and $\frac{75}{100}$ of a foot; containing seventy nine square feet and
 $\frac{75}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel
of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return here
unto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land be-
fore described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as
a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said
widening made by E. P. Lohestrigh dated February 20th 1854 and
deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said
Atkinson Street as aforesaid, will amount to about Three Hun-
dred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates
of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during
the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five
thousand dollars.

On the petitions of Baker & Wright
 Feb. 20 1854. and of Levi Martin for Innholders licenses of Edward Stearns
 Licenses and of Chase & Co for Victualers licenses, the Committee on Licenses
 reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Boston and
 Maine
 rail road.

Whereas, The Boston and Maine
 Rail Road Company have petitioned to the Honorable the General
 Court of Massachusetts, in effect to rescind so much of their charter
 as invests in the Mayor and Aldermen the power to control the
 motive power and speed of the cars on their Road in the streets of
 the City, and Whereas the power thus vested in the Mayor and
 Aldermen is one of great importance for the protection of the citi-
 zens, and the general interest of the City, therefore, Ordered: That
 Messrs Hummer, Kelly & Simmons with such as the Board of
 Mayor and Aldermen may join, be a Committee with full pow-
 ers to appear before any Committee of the Legislature to which
 said petition may be pending, with the City Solicitor and such
 other Counsel as they may deem expedient, to protect the interest
 of the City in said matter, and that the expense thereof be charg-
 ed to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous
 Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
 Read and non-concurred.

Chairman
 of Aldermen.
 Order to pay

Ordered: That there be paid to Alder-
 man Benjamin L. Allen the usual salary of Mayor for the time
 he performed the duties of Mayor, the amount to be charged to the
 appropriation for Salaries. Passed in Common Council. Came
 up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That there be paid to 103.

the late Auditor Master, Samuel Cook his quarterly salary up to the end of the present quarter. Passed in Common Council. Same Cook.
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Letter from John M. Elroy M^r Elroy.
calling attention to his petition of last year concerning the jail
lands. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

Ordered: That the papers con- Jail Lands
cerning the Jail Lands be taken from the files of the last year
and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Passed in Com-
mon Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having Superintendent
elected on its part Ezra Townsend as Superintendent of Health, said
action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having again
been taken and counted for said office on the part of this branch,
it appeared that Ezra S. Ryder was chosen, thereby non concurring
with the other Branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Previous to the above election Mayo.
sundry remonstrances from John W. Foster and others Percy remonstrances
Brigham and others, Jesse Smith and others & J. Studley and others 15
against the election of Charles J. Mayo as Superintendent of Health
came up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Petition of Crowell, Brooks & Co and Crowell
others in favor of the election of George C. Brown to said office was
sent down

Dec. 1854.

Loan.

Lamps.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of Nineteen thousand dollars and that the same be added to the appropriation for Lamps. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 39. May 1. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Dingley, Gunham, Washburn, Drake, Orlome and Williams 9. May 1

Boston Port

Society.

Petition of the Boston Port Society for an abatement of their Water Tax. Referred to the Committee on Water in concurrence.

Fuel.

Water.

Notice of the filling of the vacancies existing in the Joint Standing Committees on Fuel and Water, by the appointment of C. L. Johnson on the former Committee and of B. F. Mahan on the latter Committee, was received from the Common Council, and placed on file.

City Charter.
Sup^t of Schools

Ordered: That the Committee on the revision of the City Charter be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of making provision for the establishment by law of the Office of Superintendent of Public Schools. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Chief

Engineer

of Fire

Department

The Common Council having elected on its part William Carnicard as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, thereby non-concurring in the choice of James Quinn made by this Board. Said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Water

Ordinance

The Ordinance reported at the last meeting of the Board by the Committee on Water, being in addition to

an ordinance providing for the care and management of the City 165.
Water Works was taken from the table, amended and passed. Sent Feb 20. 1854.
down for concurrence. (See page 109)

On motion of Alderman Olli- Execution
one the reports and orders respecting the execution of the laws which of the laws
were laid upon the table February 13th last, were taken therefrom and
the question being upon the adoption of Alderman Ollivine's amend-
ment to Order No. 1. the same was passed. Upon the adoption of the two
orders, as amended, the yeas and nays were required and they
were taken as follows. Yeas, Aldermen Frost, Dingley, Washburn, Wash-
burn, Drake, Ollivine and Williams. Nays The Mayor and Alder-
man Allen. 2. Said orders were adopted (See page 88)

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, Pm.

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City
Hall on Tuesday the Seventy first day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, Aldermen Dingley, Ollivine, Washburn & Williams.

The report, and order, which au- Fire Dep^t
thorizes the Joint Special committee in the subject of the Fire De- ordinance.

110 judgment to visit Cincinnati for the purpose of examining a Steam Fire Engine, were taken from the table and adopted (See page 93).

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty Third day of February - Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Washburn, Dingley and Dunham.

Common Council Chamber the order for making improvements in the chamber of the Common Council and for the better accommodation of the Reporters for the Public Press, was taken from the table, and amended, as follows, viz: - at A. on page 75. insert "and make such other alterations in the Council Chamber as they may deem expedient." Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 107

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty Seventh day of February, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Odiorne.

Petition of Benjamin Smith and others that a hearing be granted to Charles E. Galloway, lately discharged from the Police and of Mrs. T. Sage that a hearing be granted to him for the same reason. Referred to the Mayor.

Order of Notice on petition of Mayors of Cambridge and Charlestown for an alteration of the High way between those cities. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Heirs of John Snelling to be paid for land taken to widen Salem Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Benjamin Pond and others and of Geo. A. Plummer and others, that Ten Street be widened and its name changed to North Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Mr. J. B. Williams to be paid for damage sustained by a change of grade in the Old road so called, of executors of Will of New for damage occasioned by change of grade in Old Market Street of Lucinda Edgerly for damage occasioned by change of grade in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Charles H. Wright to be

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Wright.

compensated for injuries sustained by him while discharging the duties of a Hetchman. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 2^d

Knight

Petition of William H. Knight for

a modification or rescission of an instrument made between him and the Water Commissioners. Referred to the Committee on Claims with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 2^d

Hincks

Remonstrance of E. W. Hincks & others

Ancient Hall.

against granting the use of Ancient Hall for Levee parties. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Glancy

Petition of Bernard Glancy for abate-

ment of a nuisance in Seneca Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

National

Petition of the National Guard for ap-

Guard.

proval of their Armory in Portland Street. Referred to the Committee on Armories

Engines.

Petition of the Engineers of the Fire

Fire Department.

Department that two new Engines may be built to replace Nos 11 and 12. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Potter.

Remonstrance of J. L. Potter & others

Printing.

against giving the City Printing to the lowest bidder. Referred to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 2^d

Petition of Priscilla Goodridge that 109.

the damage to her estate in Paul Street occasioned by a frozen water pipe, may be repaired and that she be remunerated therefor. Referred to the Cochituate Water Board with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 2^d. Feb. 27. 1854. Goodridge.

The Ordinance in relation to Water Works.

the Boston Water Works which passed this Board Feb. 20 was referred in the Common Council to the Committee on Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred

The City Auditor submitted to the City Council his Estimates of the receipts and expenditures for the financial year 1854-55. Referred in Common Council to Messrs Still, Demond, Kendall, Bourdin, J. T. Davis, Grew, and G. W. Warren with such as the Mayor and Aldermen may join with authority to report in print. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and the Mayor, Aldermen Frost, Allen and Williams were joined. Appropriations-Annual

An order of the Common Council - Seavitt

to pay Benson Seavitt, by the salary of Mayor for the time he performed the duties of that office as Chairman of the Board. Aldermen in 1845 was referred to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Auditor be Appropriations.

instructed to make the following transfers, viz: Add to instructors for Grammar Schools Twelve hundred dollars by transfer from instructors of Primary Schools. Add to Middlebury County Five hundred dollars by transfer from the appropriation for the market. Read in Common Council. Yeas 35. Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Dingley, Dunham,

116. Washburn, Drake, and Williams. 8. Nays. none.

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Appropriations.
transfer of

Ordered: That the Auditor be authorized to add to the appropriation for the Common. the sum of One thousand dollars by transferring the same from the appropriation for Old blaims. Passed in Common Council. Yea 33. Nays. none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, Yea, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Dingley, Dunham, Washburn, Drake and Williams. 8. Nays, none.

Primmer
School House.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to make such alterations in the Primmer School House as they may deem necessary for the accommodation of the scholars. And that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Grammar Schools. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Homer

An order directing the City Treasurer to cancel certain bonds held by the City against Henry Homer for 101 1/2 sq. on Springfield Street, and 120 on Northampton Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Drake

Order of Notice on petition of Firdale Drake to the Legislature for leave to extend his wharf. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor in concurrence.

Kelly.

Gould.

Orders of Notice on petitions to Legislature of David D. & W. Kelly, and Salma E. Gould for leave to extend their wharves. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 2^d.

A deed of a parcel of land in
Frammingham Rectory belonging to the Boston Water Works, contain-
ing about $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres to William L. Wilson was approved by the Board
and the Mayor was authorized to sign the same.

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Wilson.

Order of Notice on petition to
Legislature by A. Downing and others for leave to construct a Mill
Road from Somerville to Boston. Referred to the Committee on the
Metropolitan Rail Road.

Downing

Order of Notice on petition to
the Legislature by the Eastern Avenue Corporation for change of
location. Referred to Aldermen Dunham, Drake and Dingley.

Eastern
Avenue.

Petition of the Mount Wash-
ington Avenue Corporation, that the papers relating to the construc-
tion of their Avenue may be taken from the files of the last year and
referred, was considered and the same was granted and Aldermen
Dunham Drake and Dingley were appointed said Committee.

Mount
Washington
Avenue

The Joint Special Committee
on so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the City Charter, to
which was referred the report of the Joint Special Committee on so
much of the Mayor's address as relates to Public Streets and also an
order of the City Council directing this Committee to enquire into
the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for a change in the
Statutes for laying out, opening and widening Streets Report:
That the whole subject is a matter requiring special legislation
and cannot be incorporated into the City Charter with propriety.
The Committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further

Streets.

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Feb. 27, 1854. consideration of these subjects and recommend that the same be referred to a Joint Special Committee to consist of the members of the Committee on laying out, opening and widening Streets on the part of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred March 2^d and Messrs Bonney, Hobbs, Tubbs, Atkins and Simmons were joined.

Watchmen.

On nomination by the Mayor, Isaac B. Lord, Charles Morris, John D. Engswell, Nathaniel Hail, Jacob H. Austin, George W. Marshall, Bela P. Sylvester, Nathan Brown of Ward 12 were appointed on the Watch.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, John W. Moore, Henry A. Lovell, Benjamin Corlew, William H. Reed, James Cliff, Thomas C. Warren, Ezra Vinal, Asa Whitaker, John S. Hunt, Isaac Hall Jr. were appointed Policemen, subject to removal by the Board.

Foreign
Insurance
Offices.

The Committee on so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the City Charter to which was referred the order in relation to the taxation of Foreign Insurance Offices for the support of disabled Firemen, report that the subject of the order is not one that can be incorporated into the City Charter but is a proper subject of special legislation. The Committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the order and recommend that it be referred to a Joint Special Committee. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted, and Aldermen Frost, Williams and Allen were appointed said Com-

mitted on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence. Same 113.
upconcurred March 2^d and Messrs, J. A. Davis, Hummer, Clark, Wood - Feb. 27, 1854.
man, and Rogers were joined.

The Committee on Paving Hayes.
to which was referred the petition of Francis C. Hayes and others, Devon re-
asking that the sidewalks in Devonshire street near State Street, may sent.
be made more secure for foot passengers, report the following order.
Oliver Street, Chairman. Ordered: That the King of Cities notify the own-
ers of real estate on Devonshire Street, in all cases where gratings
in the sidewalk extend more than eighteen inches into the street
to reduce the same forthwith and to place the sidewalk in complete
repair, so as to conform to the 29th and 30th sections of "An Ordinance
in relation to Streets," passed Sept. 20th 1851. Resd. accepted and the
order passed.

F. J. Croxon was licensed to exhibit - Croxon.
it a series of Paintings at Amory Hall on the usual conditions.

The Committee to whom was re- Franklin
ferred the communication of the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, Fund.
would respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assign-
ed them and find the Treasurer's account correct and properly vouch-
ed, a duplicate of which is enclosed. And your Committee have the
pleasure to state that the present estimated value of said Fund
is Fifty seven thousand two hundred ninety nine dollars and fifty
cents. Your Committee believe under the present judicious manage-
ment of that fund, the citizens of Boston will as long have great
reason to rejoice that Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston. Which
is respectfully submitted. John W. Singler for the Committee. Read
and accepted.

Feb. 27, 1854. which was referred the petition of A. H. Blanchard and others in relation to awnings, upon the following order. For the Committee on Awnings, to wit: John. Whitman. Whereas it has been made to appear to this Board, that, in many places in the City, canvas or wooden curtains or pendants to awnings are allowed to remain suspended during the night time over the sidewalks of the stores and shops to which they are affixed, and thereby greatly obstruct and obscure the light from the street lamps, to the danger and inconvenience of the public: therefore, Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners or occupants of all stores and shops in the City of Boston, before which canvas curtains or pendants to awnings are used, that said owners or occupants remove such curtains or pendants within thirty days from this date, and that all awnings shall be rolled up at or before sunset each day after that date and not let down again till sunrise, under the penalty prescribed in the 20th section of the City Ordinances respecting Streets. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Lamps be and he is hereby authorized to report to this Board the names of the occupants of each and every shop or store where such canvas curtains or pendants are maintained and where awnings are not rolled up in the night time, in violation of the foregoing order. Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Shall

Ordered: That the collection of

Border Street. The sum of Four Hundred and thirty seven dollars and seventy cents, assessed by an order of this Board on the 30th day of Jan^y, 1854, upon Samuel Hall, for his proportional part of the cost of constructing the Common Sewer in Border Street, south of Central Square, be, and the same is hereby postponed until an entry

shall have been made into the Common Sewer from his estate.

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William J. Lawrence was appointed an Auctioneer of the City at N° 54 Pearl Street.

Auctioneer

Interim. John Drake & Angew, Surveyors &c.

were appointed a committee to nominate to the Board suitable candidates for the offices of Highways - measures of Upper & Lower measures of Wood and Bark Inspectors of Carriages and Highways Inspectors of Weights and Measures - Inspectors of Bundle May &c.

On petition of Thomas Richardson Richardson for leave to move some buildings from Summer to Foundry Streets, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Armories to Boston whom was referred the petition of the Order of the Association for approval of their organization as a Military Corps, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. Read and accepted.

Boston

Association

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Edward Loring in relation to the purchase or exchange of the estate on Purchase Street, now owned by the City and used for the purposes of an engine house, have investigated that subject, and report that the lot contains about six hundred and ten square feet of land, and is so situated as to present a formidable obstacle to the proposed improvement of the adjoining estates. The petitioner makes three propositions in relation to the matter. First, to purchase the entire estate at

Loring.

Engine house

Estate on

Purchase Street.

five dollars per square foot. Second- to erect and finish a new
 Feb. 27. 1854. Engine house equal to the present one, upon a lot of land fronting
 on Purchase Street and adjoining the Brylston School House Es-
 tate, and to convey the same when erected and finished, together
 with six hundred and fifty square feet of land, to the City in ex-
 change for said Estate:—Third- to convey to the City the entire lot of
 land adjoining said School House, containing about one thousand and
 sixty eight square feet, for two thousand three hundred dollars, and
 pay, in addition thereto, about seven hundred and fifty dollars in cash.
 In view of the proposed improvements on the adjoining estates, and the
 consequent increase of land property, and with a view to a more
 advantageous position for the engine house in that part of the city,
 and, of the fact that the present Engine house, if retained by the
 City, must be repaired, your Committee recommend the passage of
 the following order. Resolved, W. W. Whitburn, Chairman. Resol-
 ved: That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are
 hereby authorized to sell to Edwin S. Loring, the engine house and
 the land appurtenant thereto situated on Purchase Street, for a
 sum not less than at the rate of five dollars per square foot, to
 be paid in cash on delivery of the deed—provided, said Loring shall,
 at the same time, pay into the City Treasury a sum of not less
 than seven hundred dollars, and convey to the City by a good and
 sufficient title, a lot of land containing about one thousand and
 sixty eight square feet, fronting on Purchase Street and adjoining
 the Brylston School House Estate. Resolved, also, that said Loring shall
 allow the City to retain possession of the present Engine house during
 such reasonable time as shall, in the opinion of said Committee, be
 deemed necessary for the purpose of erecting and finishing a new
 Engine house on the lot to be conveyed to the City by said Loring.

Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred March 2^d

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The Committee on Sewers & Drains

Sewers.

to whom was referred an order directing said Committee to consider
and report upon the expediency of letting out the work on Sewers by
contract, reported that from the nature of the work it is inexpedient to
do so, and they asked to be discharged from the further consideration
of the subject. Read and accepted.

Whereas Earl W. Johnson has given

Johnson.

notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on that street,
in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be
widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby
Ordered, That due notice be given to the said E. W. Johnson that this
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a
part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and lay-
ing out the same as a public street and that Monday, the Sixth
day of March next at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Pearl Street.

Whereas, in the opinion of the

Johnson.

Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require
that Purchase Street should be widened at the corner of Pearl
Street, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to
Earl W. Johnson that this Board intend to widen the street before
mentioned, by taking a part of the land belonging to him, and
laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the
Sixth day of March next at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the
time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Purchase St.

Appleton
Court Street.

Whereas Charles H. Appleton for the heirs of S. B. Appleton has given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings on said land in the said city; and in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Charles H. Appleton that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday, the Sixth day of March at four o'clock, P.m. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Adams
Horton's
Wharf.

The Committee on Internal Health to whom are referred the petition of Seth Adams that the order of the last Board prohibiting him from burning bones in Ward 2 may be rescinded, reported that the petitioners have care to withdraw. Read and accepted, Whereupon the following resolve and Order were passed by the Board; Resolved: That the business and trade prosecuted by Seth Adams in his building upon Horton's Wharf, is in the opinion of this Board offensive to the comfort of the inhabitants, and injurious to property in that vicinity, and is therefore a nuisance within the meaning of the statute. therefore Ordered: That the said Seth Adams be, and he is hereby directed to desist forthwith from the further prosecution of the business of burning bones or other animal matter in said premises, and he is moreover forbidden to exercise said trade within the limits of this City, without the express permission of this Board.

so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the City Charter to which Feb. 27. 1854 was referred an order instructing said Committee to consider the expediency of establishing by law the office of Superintendent of Schools of Schools. report, that the provision contemplated is a proper subject of special legislation and not appropriate as a part of the fundamental law of the City. This Committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the order and recommend that the same be referred to the Joint Committee on Public Instruction. For the Committee, Oliver West Chairman. Read and accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down to concurred. Same up to, cannot much 27

On petition of Joseph Andrews Andrews
for abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in cottage and Everett Streets, the Committee on Sewers & Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That this Board Special
shall hold no special meetings, except for the purpose of drawing votes, meetings
without notice to each member of the Board in writing from the City Clerk stating the time and purpose of the meeting before the time of said meeting.

The Committee on Sewers and Liverpool
Drains to whom was referred the petition of the Liverpool Wharf Wharf
Corporation for an abatement of an assessment on Sewer have carefully considered the subject and report, that from evidence before the Committee the matter seems more properly to come under the cognizance of another Committee, and they unanimously recommend it be referred to the Committee on Streets, and that they be

26 Discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Read and
Feb. 27. 1854. accepted and referred accordingly.

Taxes.

The Board of Assessors having communicated to this Board a list of abatements of taxes assessed in 1853, and also a list of the persons, partnerships & corporations who were taxed in said year on Six thousand dollars and upwards. said documents were laid upon the table, and five hundred copies of the latter were ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the first day of March, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn and Atkins.

Boston
& Maine
rail road.

Ordered: That Aldermen West, Dunham, and Williams be a committee with such as the Common Council may join to take into consideration the subject matter of the Boston and Maine Rail Road with a view of permitting them to arch or bridge Causeway and Faversham Streets and to make such other alterations in their mode of conveying passengers as may be considered for the best interests of the City, with full powers sent down for concurrence.

Alderman Drake having de- 121

clined serving upon the Joint Special Committee on or much of the March 1, 1854.
Mayor's Address as relates to the Police and Watch - Alderman Dun- Police & Watch.
ham was appointed in his place.

Ordered: That Aldermen Dun- East Boston
ham, Drake and Williams be a Committee to confer with such Chelsea
Committee as the Town of Chelsea may appoint, to consider the Bridge.
subject of repairs upon the East Boston and Chelsea Bridge, with
full powers to take all necessary measures for said repairs forthwith.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at
City Hall on Wednesday the second day of March, A. D. 1854.
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Odiorne

Alderman Dingley moved Boston & Maine
to reconsider the vote which passed yesterday appointing a Joint Rail Road.
Special Committee with full powers to consider the subject of running
or bridging highway and Turnpike Roads, when they are intersected
by the Boston and Maine Rail Road - which motion prevailed -
and thereupon, the subject matter embraced in said order, was
referred to the Special Committee of this Board, already appointed
to consider the motive power and speed of Rail cars wherever they
cross the public streets of the City, and said Committee was enlarged

by addition of Alderman Williams.

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Dogs.

Alderman Dunham offered the following - Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to cause, as far as possible, all unlicensed dogs in this City to be destroyed: Read and referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the Third day of March, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost, Harrison and Odiorne.

Dogs.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the order of yesterday's date respecting the destruction of unlicensed dogs, reported that the same ought to pass. Read and accepted and the order passed, (as recorded before) under a suspension of the rule respecting the calling of special meetings without notice to each member.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Sixth day of March, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Odiorne.

Alderman Frost, who was absent from the meeting of the Board on March 3^d moved that the proceedings of that day be expunged from the records, on the ground that said meeting was held contrary to the rule concerning special meetings of the Board adopted on Monday last, which motion did not prevail, whereupon, on motion of Alderman Williams, the proceedings of the meeting of March 3^d were confirmed by the Board.

Petition of M. J. Rooney for leave to give a concert at the Metacorn on the 17th instant. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Hiram Shepardon for license to keep an Intelligence Office. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Eben^r A. Lester for abatement of assessment for construction of a common sewer in I Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of James Hendley & others that Thistle Street may be graded and finished; of Edward G. Spring and others that Green Street be graded; of Alexander Hopkins that a license be granted to him to plant shade trees in May Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas B. Hawkes

March 2, 1854. That Lamps may be placed and lighted in Hamburg Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of James Dowd for leave

to build a wagon tire furnace in Beach Street - Remonstrance of Alexander Beal and others against the Steam Engine in our Place. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines &c.

Gurtis

Petition of J. Gurtis and Elijah

Thompson

Navy.

Thompson for a hearing respecting their discharge from the Police; and of Isaac H. Navy concerning his discharge from the Watch. Referred to Alderman Williams.

Chamberlain

Petition of A. L. Chamberlain and

North Charles St.

others for the extension of North Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Rice

Petition of Marshall S. Rice, Adm^r

Seppon.

of the State of Samuel Seppon to be paid for and taken from him by the City in 1832. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 9th

German

Petition of the German Congrega-

tion of Church

of Holy Trinity.

tion of the Church of the Holy Trinity, that the City would aid them in the erection of a suitable edifice by some change in the terms of payment for their land. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 9th

Book

Petition of Samuel Book, late Harbor

Master, to be paid for moving certain vessels in the Harbor. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

bury to whom was referred the report of last year, recommending the appointment of Commissioners to whom should be confided the erection of a new library building, after giving the subject the same old and most careful investigation, unanimously concurred with the Board of Trustees in the great necessity of appointing a permanent Board who shall be responsible for the faithful and judicious performance of the important trust confided to their care, and in accordance with these views the Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, John Collins, Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and the further consideration thereof was assigned for two weeks from today.

Communication from the Legislative Committee on Roads and Bridges regarding the establishment of a fund for the repairs of Charles River and Warren bridges, and requesting the opinion of this Board upon the expediency of establishing tolls or of creating a tax upon the cities of Boston and Southtown therefor. Read, and thereupon Ordered: That the Committee on Bridges appear before the Legislative Committee on Roads and Bridges with the City Solicitor and urge upon them the necessity of imposing tolls upon the Warren and Charles River bridges as being preferable to taxing the City of Boston.

Report of the Chief of Police exhibiting the character of the arrests made by his Department during February. Read and placed on file.

Agreeably to notice Charles H. Appletton. Appletton appeared for the heirs of C. H. Appletton and referred to the Grand Street.

126 proposed widening of Court Street after which the subject was re-
March 6 1854 committed to the Committee on Streets with full power.

April 8 June 12 2 1/2 p.m.	No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Kent and Hudson Streets by taking land of A. H. Johnson said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.
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Guild. Agreeably to notice Fitzherry Homer
Michael Snow and C. C. Sheafe Esq^r appeared and objected to the proposed construction
Sewer of the Common Sewer in Walnut Street after which the subject was
recommended to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Appropriations. The Committee on Institutions &c:
Institutions &c: to whom was referred the Auditor's communication dated Feb. '62
respecting the deficiency in the appropriation for the Institutions at
South Boston &c.: report: That in view of the facts stated in the pa-
pers marked "A. and B," (City Document #20) signed by Mr. John
Gordin, Chairman of Committee on Accounts, they would recommend
that the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, asked for, be granted.

The Committee would also respectfully suggest that some rule of action 127
should be adopted in regard to the Directors spending money for alterations and repairs on buildings, suggestions having been made that the same properly belongs to the City Council, under their present rules. For the Committee, J. H. Smith, Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and accepted. March 6, 1854.

The Cochituate Water Board in compliance with a request of the last City Council that they would revise the present Water Rates and report the same at an early day during the (then) ensuing municipal year, reported an Ordinance establishing the Water Rates. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (Vide City Document No. 25.) Water Rates

Alderman Frost from the Committee on Cemeteries presented to the Board an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance in relation to the Public Health passed August 20, 1853, by which amendment the several Funeral Undertakers are permitted to own their Funeral Cars. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Public Health and Funeral Cars

Warren M. Baker, Mary Stowell, Hannah Emerson and Rev. Mr. King were named to keep the Intelligence Offices. Intelligence Offices

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred a mass of the August 1853 resolutions relative to the Police and Watch reported in part on that subject and offered an Ordinance providing for the organization of the Police Department of the City of Boston, which embraces a union of the City Marshal and Police Departments. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Police and Watch

The Committee on Paving re. to which
 was referred an order that the Committee on Paving and Repairing
 Streets be and they are hereby instructed to consider and report upon
 the expediency of contracting for the paving of the streets with the
 lowest bidder therefor passed Jan^y 21, 1854. Report: That the paving of
 new streets when the work is of such a character as to admit of
 an estimate, the work may be done by contract. But a large portion of
 the expenditure under the direction of this Committee for the repairs
 of streets cannot be done by contract by any known rule among busi-
 ness men with a proper regard to economy. The Committee will
 therefore in all cases where the work is of such a character that a
 person desirous of performing the same can make a fair estimate,
 invite competition and where the proposals shall appear to be free from
 combination to exact unreasonable compensation, and where the propo-
 sitions appear reasonable and the parties are responsible, they will
 be prepared to enter into contracts without further instructions from
 this Board. Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Eighth, Tenth,

Sixth, Dunkham, that the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of
 Fifth, the Committee on Paving, grade the following streets: Eighth street
 from H. to M. street. Seventh street from H. to N. street. Sixth street
 from N. to O. street. Fifth street from N. to P. street. M. street from
 Fourth to Eighth street. was read and laid upon the table.

Sumner Street

Order Street, Ordered: That the Chief of Police
 cause all obstructions in Sumner and Bond streets to be removed.

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2. *Hypericoides* Hc.

Summer.

H. C. Lee

9. *Meridiana*

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Mann-

common.

Washington

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100. four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing and objections
March 6. 1854. which may be made there.

Loring.

Pearl Street.

Whereas Elisha T. Loring has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Pearl street, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the said E. T. Loring that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday the Thirteenth day of March instant at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made there.

Hawes Fund.

Bird Fund.

Ordered: That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction be directed to inquire what interest the City of Boston, or any portion thereof, has in the Hawes fund for Schools in Ward 12. and if any such interest be found, to report the state of the fund in detail, with full power to employ assistance on such examination. Also that said Committee be authorized to examine and report upon the fund recently established by John H. Bird, deceased, for the benefit of the Schools in Ward 12. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 16th

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Boston held at city Hall on Monday the Thirteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Williams

Petition of Mark Morse to be paid for damages occasioned by the change of grade in the Old Road of Richard A. Ladd to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Fayette Street of Elizabeth Minnmore to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Dedham Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Samuel Aspinwall and others that Lexington and Trenton Streets be graded so of Lewis Lonicott and others that Chelsea Street be paved so. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Fitchburg Rail Road Corporation for leave to keep their gates closed over Haverhill Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Rankin and Piper that a Bridge may be constructed over the Rail Road in Albany Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Timothy Roberts for a license as a dealer in Second hand articles. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of H. Davis for leave to exhibit a Diorama of Battle of Bunker Hill at Chapman Hall of Edwin Bruce for leave to give a concert at the Tremont Temple of Lands, Quirk and Company for the use of the Public garden for ten days from July 3^d.

next, for a circus exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Boston
City Guards.

Petition of the Boston City Guards for approval of their new Armory. Referred to the Committee on Armories &c.

Parker.

Petition of Ebenezer Parker for abatement of an apportionment for construction of a common sewer in Grove Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Beecher-
Williston.

Petition of Edward Beecher and others that assistance be rendered to P. A. Williston for his services in aiding immigrant Swedes: Referred to Aldermen Allen & Frost with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. March 16 came up concurred and Messrs. Tilton, Odin and Jones were joined.

Nickerson.

Petition of Thomas Nickerson and others for lease of a lot of land at South Boston for a Meeting House. Referred to Aldermen Dunham, Frost and Allen with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. March 16 came up concurred and Messrs. Whittemore, G. L. Johnson, D. Warren, Goodwin, and Drew were joined.

Superintendent
of Health

A certificate from the Common Council stating that Ezra Touristall had been elected Superintendent of Health in the ward of that Branch, thereby non concurring with this Branch in the election of C. L. Ryder, was read and the subject was laid upon the table: and thereupon it was ordered, That Aldermen Allen, Wainburn and Dingley be a Committee to confer with such

Committee as the Common Council may appoint upon the subject 133.
of the election of a Superintendent of Health. Sent down to be joined. Came up concurred, and Messrs Hinds, Beal, Brainard, J. Davis and Hobbs were joined. March 13, 1854.

Communication from Altemas City
Simonds, City Registrar, resigning his office. - Came up from the Common Registrar.
Council, read and placed on file.

Applications for the office of Applications.
City Registrar, from Wm. Palfrey, Ezra Bartlett, David Kellison, John H. Collins, and John A. Vinton were read and placed on file.

The Common Council having Choice of
elected William Palfrey as City Registrar. Thereby non-concurring with this Branch in the choice of Nicholas A. Apalonic, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots being again taken and counted it appeared that N. A. Apalonic was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 16

A certificate from the Common Public Land
Council that that Branch after inducing for three members of the Commissioners
Board of Public Land Commissioners had elected William Washburn to represent this Branch. Stephen Tilton Jr to represent that Branch and Henry N. Hooper a member at large, was read and laid upon the table.

A certificate came up from Assessors.
the Common Council. Stating that that Branch had elected George C. Head, Henry Sargent, Samuel Norwood and George Jackson as Principal Assessors. whereupon the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 8. Freeman for choice 2 George C. Head had 2 Samuel Norwood 5 George Jackson 8 Henry

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March 12/1854 Sargent & Henry Edwards 5. Charles A. Wells 1. Five persons having the required number, it was declared that Messrs Jackson & Sargent were elected; and the Board proceeded to ballot for two Assessors, when it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 8. Necessary for choice 5. George E. Head had 5. Henry Edwards 5. Samuel Norwood 5. Charles A. Wells 1. Three persons having the same and the required number, the Board proceeded to a third ballot from which it appeared that George E. Head was elected in concurrence. This Board also elected Henry Edwards, thereby nonconcurring with the Common Council in the election of Samuel Norwood. Sent down for concurrence.

Per Liem
Assessors

A certificate came up from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected William H. Kane, John G. Davis and Benjamin Dadd as Per Liem Assessors: and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that the foregoing persons were elected in concurrence with the exception of Benjamin Dadd in whose place this Board elected Daniel Henshaw. Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant
Assessors

A certificate that the Common Council had elected the following persons as Assistant Assessors, came up for concurrence viz: Ward 1. Noah Harold Abel, 2 Monroe. Ward 2. Mose Grogins. John Atkins. Ward 3. Solomon Carter. Andrew Abbott. Ward 4. Asa Gual- low. Benjamin W. Boardman & Ward 5. Nathaniel Hammond. E. H. Little. Ward 6. William H. Mann. David Kimball. Ward 7. W. Merriam. Calvin W. Clark. 8. Clement Willis, Ois Rich. 9. Francis Bundy, Jesse Maynard. 10. Simon H. Lewis. James Standish. 11. Henry H. Hancock, Benjamin Smith. 12. John L. Richardson, William P. Houston. And the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that the foregoing persons were elected in concurrence with the exception of Solomon Carter, Benjamin W. Boardman & Asa Gualow.

William H. Mann, David Kimball, J. W. Merriam, Clement Willis, Simon St. 132
Lewis, - in whose places this Board elected G. B. Moulton, Herman Allen, March 13 1854.
Charles Colburn, R. B. Storey, James Hall, Edmund F. Bradley, James Glover,
Charles S. Wells. And down in concurrence.

The Ordinance of 1853 requiring Ballast-
that the Inspectors of Fuel and Mignon of Lighthouses should be chosen Inspectors &c.
by concurrent ballot, the Board proceeded to the choice of two Inspectors, chosen
when it appeared that Isaiah R. Huntington and Henry Curtis were
elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 16th

Leave was granted to Alexander Hopkins Hopkins
Kins to plant trees in the sidewalk in May Street.

On the petition of Thomas G. Amory Jr. Amory
that the assessment laid on him for the construction of a drain in Well
Street may be abated the Committee on Internal Health reported that, in
their opinion an abatement of twenty four Dollars be allowed to said petitioner
Read and accepted.

Leave was granted to M. J. Mooney to give Mooney
a Concert at the Melodeon on the 17th March instant.

On petition of Hiram Shepardson for leave Shepardson
to keep an Intelligence Office at No. Federal Street, the Committee on Licenses
reported leave to withdraw.

Agreeably to notice William H. Mann Mann-
appeared and objected to any widening of Washington or Common Streets. Washington
after which the subject was re-committed to the Committee on Streets with Street.
full power.

March 13/1854. An order that the Mayor be instructed to petition the Legislature for an amendment to the Statute in reference to the Survey of Lumber. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Loring-
Pearl Street. Agreeably to notice Elisha T. Loring appeared and objected to any widening of Pearl Street, which would take his land: after which the subject was re-committed to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Fernald &
Nickerson. Order of Notice on petition to the Legislature for leave to extend the wharves of Fernald & Nickerson. Came up referred to the Committee on Boston Harbor. Read & accepted.

Noan-
House of Industry. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of Twenty thousand dollars and that the same be added to the appropriation for the House of Industry &c. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 43. Nays 1. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Was, The Mayor Aldermen Allen, Frost, Singley, Musnam, Washburn, Drake and Ediorne & Nays 0.

Public
Health. The Ordinance which passed this Board March 6. respecting the Public Health, came up referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Read and concurred.

Appropriations. A communication from the City Auditor respecting certain appropriations and stating that additions are needed to the departments of Internal Health, Fire Department, Incidentals, Police, Watch, and Salaries; came up referred to the Committee on Finance. Read and concurred.

An order that the City Solicitor 137.
be authorized and requested to protect the rights of the city before the March 13 1854.
Committee of the Legislature having in charge a petition of S. L. Lewis
and others for a new street. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred Lewis.

An order that the Special Com- Fire
mittee on the Fire Department be authorized to report in print. Came up Department.
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

An order that the Mayor be city
instructed to petition the Legislature at the present session thereof for a Charter
revision of the City Charter in such manner as may be hereafter adopted
by the City Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Ordered: That from and after Institutions
the passage of this order no alterations enlargements or repairs of any buildings &c:
of the buildings of the City Institutions at South Boston and Deer Is-
land involving the expenditure of money shall be made or allowed to
the Board having in charge thereof beyond the amount of the appropria-
tions for such alterations, enlargements or repairs. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

An order that the Committee on Lumber
Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to consider and report
at their earliest convenience the propriety of altering or amending
the present Ordinance in relation to the Survey and measurement of
Lumber. Came up for concurrence. Read and referred to the Commit-
tee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March

An order of the Common Council
 March 13, 1864. appointing Messrs. Summer, Fink and Wells with such as this Board
 Stone Wharf. may join a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency
 of selling or leasing a Wharf on Commercial Street commonly
 called "Stone Wharf". Brought up for concurrence. Read and concurred
 and Aldermen Frost and Drake were joined.

Robbins.

Ordered: That there be paid to James
 M. Robbins the sum of One thousand Dollars for land taken to widen
 Atkinson Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and
 an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
 consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation
 for laying out and widening Streets.

Special
 Police.

On nomination by the Mayor James
 Curtis was appointed a Special Police Officer for care of the City Buildings
 containing offices.

Hollis

Communication was received from
 Thomas Hollis resigning his office as a Director of the House of Industry &c.
 Read, accepted and laid down. In Common Council, placed on file

Loud
 Audley

Communications from Andrew Loud
 and Ettridge G. Audley mutually declining to be appointed Inspectors
 and Warden of Sumner House, were read and accepted.

Pearl Street.
 Johnson

Resolved: That the safety and conveni-
 ence of the inhabitants of the City require that Pearl Street should be
 widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as
 a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to

to Carl W. Johnson. bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by land 129.
heretofore taken from the said Johnson to widen the said street, two feet March 13/1854
and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot; Southwestwardly by the said street, one hundred &
forty nine feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot; Southeastwardly by Purchase Street, three
feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot; and Northwardly by the proposed line of wid-
ening of Pearl Street, one hundred and forty nine feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a
foot; containing five hundred and eighteen square feet, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a
square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the
intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose afore-
said, as appears by the return herewith annexed, It is therefore Ordered,
That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is,
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - ac-
cording to a plan of the said widening made by C. S. Greenough dated
March 13th 1854. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and
Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the
said Pearl Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Twenty six hundred
dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous
alterations or discontinuances in said street during the present munici-
pal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the safety and con- Purchase
venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Purchase Street
should be widened. and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and Street
Johnson
lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belong-
ing to Carl W. Johnson. bounded as follows, viz: Southwestwardly by the
line of widening of Pearl Street this day established by an order of this
Board; $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southeastwardly by Purchase Street, one hundred
and two feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by land formerly of
one field, two feet and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a foot; and Northwestwardly by the

140. proposed line of widening of Purchase Street, one hundred and two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; containing one hundred and thirty two square feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto to annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. J. Chestbrough dated March 13th 1854. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Purchase street, as aforesaid, will amount to Six hundred sixty dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars

Chelsea

Ordered: That Aldermen Olli-
orne, Drake and Dingley be a committee to confer with the Selectmen of the town of Chelsea in relation to the subject of seeking from the Legislature a modification of the Statute of June 3^d 1831. relating to the conditions of the connection between Chelsea and Boston.

Liquor Law
Penalty to be
sued.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor
do and he is hereby directed to take the proper legal steps to recover for the City any forfeitures or penalties for breaches of the laws given by such parties as have been convicted in the Police Court under the seventh section of the Statute of 1852. Chap 322.

reported the following resolve which was adopted. *Resolved: That* March 13, 1854.
the location of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road filed in Boston &
the office of this Board on the sixteenth day of January last is New York
satisfactory to the same so far as this Board has any jurisdiction Central
in the matter by virtue of the Acts of eighteen hundred and fifty, Chapter Rail Road.
two hundred and sixty eight, Section second, or by virtue of the act of Vide records of
eighteen hundred and fifty three Chapter three hundred and eleven, Section - Vide men
first. - the following is the location referred to in the foregoing Act. for 1855. page 321.
To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston. The
Boston & New York Central Railroad Company respectfully represent
that by virtue of the laws of this Commonwealth they have become the
Successors of the Midland Railroad Company with all the powers and priv-
ileges granted to and all the liabilities and restrictions imposed upon
said Midland Rail Road Company. - That said Midland Railroad Com-
pany did on the first day of May 1851 file with the Mayor and
Aldermen of the said City of Boston the location of that part of their
Railroad lying and being in the City of Boston in the County of Mi-
ddle according to law. And the said Boston and New York Central
Railroad Company further represent that they have varied the location
of that part of their road running through South Boston, as follows to
wit commencing at the northerly line of First Street extended,
from thence running Southerly parallel to B. Street and Southeast-
erly of A. Street, to a point on the Northerly line of Broadway -
175 feet Westerly from the southerly corner of the Brick building
standing on the northerly side of Broadway and westerly side
of B. Street; from thence Southerly and parallel to B. Street through
South Boston to the line of the Old Colony Railroad; thence in
the same direction, to the northerly line of the Town of Roxbury.

Jan 13, 1854. The above described line is the centre of said varied location and the width of land taken is twenty six feet on each side of said line commencing at the northerly line of First Street extended and extending to the westerly line of Turnpike Street from thence to the line of Dorchester the road is laid two and a half rods in width on each side of said centre line. And the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company by their President, he being duly authorized hereby request your honorable body to receive the foregoing as the varied or amended location of the said Midland Railroad and that the same be approved and placed on file with the plan of the amended location herunto annexed. Boston Jan. 16th 1854. N. W. Hater
Presid^t Boston New York Central Railroad Co.

Jewksbury.
Harbor-
Light House.

The Committee on Boston Harbor to which was referred the communication of Geo. P. Jewksbury, Harbor master in relation to a Light House on the Spit at the entrance of the Harbor communicating with the inner harbor; a Beacon on Point Alderton Bar; and the removal of "Barrel Rock" in Broad Sound. Together with the Memorial of Messrs Sampson & Tappan and others, Merchants, Underwriters and Branch Pilots of Boston, addressed to the Congress of the United States: Report the following Order. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to forward a Memorial in behalf of the City, a copy of the communication of the Harbor Master, and the petition of Sampson & Tappan and together with a copy of the accompanying papers to the Hon: William Tappan, Representative in Congress from this City to be laid before Congress for their action. Read accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 16th.

The Joint Committee to which 143
was referred an order for the consideration of the expediency of re- March 13, 1884
pealing the Ordinance on the subject of Tumbler, and to be discharged
from the further consideration of the subject and recommend that the
same be referred to the Committee on Ordinances. For the Committee,
Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Same up concurred March 16th

The Joint Special Committee to which Foreign
was referred an order of the City Council of 4th 4, 1884, in relation to the ex- Insurance
clusion of Foreign Insurance Companies report: That it is inexpedient to Companies
petition the Legislature for the enactment of a law, such as is contem-
plated by the order, said Companies being already taxed upon
on all their premiums by the State. For the Committee, Oliver Frost,
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Same up
concurred March 16th

The Cochituate Water Board sub- Water
mitted their Annual Report in print, being City Document A^o 16, Report.
Read and sent down.

The Committee on Boston Harbor Harbor Survey
to whom was referred an order of the last City Council respecting
the expediency of instituting an annual and systematic survey
of the Harbor, reported, that it is inexpedient to continue the sys-
tematic observations of the Harbor the present year. For the Committee,
Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concu-
rence

On motion of Alderman Dun- Eighth, Tenth,
ham, the order authorizing the Superintendent of Streets under the Fifth, 6th
direction of the Committee in having to grade Eighth Street from N. 8th Street
to 11th Street, Tenth Street from N. to N. 4th Street, 11th Street from N. 4th Street.

14th Street Fifth Street from N. to S Street. 16 Street from Fourth to Eighth Street - was taken from the table and adopted a motion that the order be relaid on the table and that the Board visit the said streets being lost.

Board of
Education
visit to

Aldermen Allen from the Board of
Overseeing the House of Education invited the Mayor and Aldermen to
visit that Institution on Wednesday next at four o'clock P.M. Accepted.

Public Land
Commissioners

The Board Having determined to
proceed to the choice of one Alderman to be a member of the Board of
Public Land Commissioners for the ensuing year, the ballots were taken
and counted when it appeared that George F. Williams was elected.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twentieth day of March, Anno Domini 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Silas B. Hahn for a Sewer in Paris Street; of D. M. Blaney and others for a sewer in Saratoga Street from Brook to Marion Streets; of Aaron Baldwin for the lowering of the common sewer in Essex Street near Spring Avenue; of Charles Davis for a sewer in Cross Street, at West Boston: Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Samuel S. Holton & others that the order of this Board concerning Turnings may be repealed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Noah Sturtevant & others that Winthrop Street may be accepted, graded and paved; of Enoch Train and others that Flag Stones be laid in Commercial Street opposite Constitution Wharf; of W. K. Storms and others that Myrtle Street be paved between Harvard and Oak Streets; of George Burdick to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in the "Old Road"; of Isaac Adams and others that the name of Turnpike Street be changed to Dorchester Avenue; of E. Brigham and others that Everett Street between College and Larnum Streets may be graded and paved; of Esther Edell for compensation for damage occasioned by change of grade in Bedford Street; of Jonathan Emerson and others that Flag Stones may be laid in Fayette Street near Gray Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

March 20, 1854. *Brooks*, for abatement of an assessment for construction of a drain in Athens Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Bass.

Petition of William H. Bass and others, that the name of the Dispatch Hydrant Co. may be changed. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Underhill.

Remonstrance of S. G. Underhill & others against the petition of the Hingham Rail Road Company to close a portion of South Street to goods. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Rich.

Petition of Ois Rich and others that Essex Street be widened from Lincoln to South Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Bacon

Petition of John Bacon and others that a Lamp be placed and lighted in Standish Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Gillmore

Petition of R. B. Gillmore for leave to exhibit a Panorama at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Miller.

Petition of Messrs R. Miller for a license to keep and sell Second Hand articles - and of Kent & Philbrick for the same. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Barrett.

Sumner F. Barrett's resignation of his office as Constable of the Ward. Referred to the Mayor.

Allen

Samuel A. Allen's nomination to

Office of Weigher and Inspector of Bundle Hay, was accepted and placed on file.

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Communication from the Directors of the House of Industry transmitting the rules and regulations of said Institutions. Read and sent down. In Common Council, read and placed on file.

Houses of

Industry &c.

Petition of J. H. Winward for leave to take water from the Hydrants to water the streets. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d

Winward

Petition of Henry Smith to be compensated for amount paid by him to settle a claim vs. the City and of John Snow to be compensated for the injury sustained to him on the Common Steps. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d

Smith.

Snow.

On nomination by the Mayor, Henry C. Adams John Marshall and Simon P. Harding were appointed Weighers and Inspectors of Bundle Hay and William Sumner was appointed Starter of Weights and Measures for Ward 12.

Weighers

of Bundle Hay.

Starter of

Weights & Measures

Petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company for the acceptance of an Act in addition to an Act establishing their charter; referred to Aldermen Allen, Fingley and Penham with such as the Common Council may join to consider and report thereon. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d and Messrs Bonney, G. W. Warren, Hobbs, Kendall and Prince were joined.

Metropolitan

Rail Road Co.

An Order that the Committee on March 20, 1854. Public Buildings be requested to take into consideration the propriety of providing a suitable building for the deposit and safe keeping of powder and other military stores that might be required in any emergency that may occur. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Harbor-
Survey of.

The Report of the Committee on the Harbor declaring it inexpedient to cause a systematic survey of Boston Harbor to be made this year; came up from the Common Council recommended to said Committee. Read and concurred.

Armories.
Gas for.

Ordered: That there be paid to each of the Military Companies in this City, the sum of twenty five dollars a year, for lighting their Armories, to be paid quarterly, and the amount charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Public Lands
Installments

Ordered: That the City Solicitor be requested to furnish the City Council with information as to what action was taken in pursuance of an order of the City Council passed July 11th 1853, directing the City Solicitor to take possession of such estates as have been sold by the City, and upon which instalments have fallen due and remain unpaid, provided said instalments and interest be not paid on or before the 10th July 1853; giving names of delinquents, if any, and the amount of indebtedness of each delinquent. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee 149.

on 'Education' at South Boston and Lee Grand consider & report March 20, 1854.
on the expediency of establishing a school for boys under the care of the City Government, in which shall be taught practical sea-
manship. And if expedient to report the ways and means of ac-
complishing the same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred. School for

Leave was granted to Sands & Lands 16:
Quick 16: to occupy the Public Garden for ten days from July 3^d
next for the purpose of giving a Circ. Exhibition. Condition that they pay therefor the sum of Five hundred dollars ex-
clusive of all expenses for Police.

Edwin Bruce was allowed to Bruce.
give a Concert at Tremont Temple on Thursday next: and H. Davis.
Davis was permitted to exhibit a Diorama of the Battle of Bunker
Hill at Chapman Hall.

On petition of Timothy Roberts Roberts.
for a license as a Dealer in Second Hand articles, the Committee
on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of William Johnston Johnston.
for abatement of a nuisance in Third Street the Committee Cassidy
on Internal Health reported the accompanying Petition. The Com-
mittee ratified that a certain tenement in Third Street being
numbered—on said street, is not provided with a suitable vault.
Wherefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Michael Cassidy
owner thereof, that said owner is hereby required to cause a
proper and sufficient vault to be constructed for such tenement,
to be constructed according to law, within ten days from the

date hereof. Read, accepted and the order passed.

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Public Land
Commissioners.

The Common Council Having returned to this Board the certificate of the election of George T. Williams as a Public Land Commissioner without taking any action thereon - said certificate was laid upon the table, and thereupon the subject of the election of three Commissioners was taken from the table, and the ballots being taken and counted, it appeared that George T. Williams, Stephen Tilton Jr. and Henry N. Hopper were chosen - this Board non-concurring in the election of William Washburn as made by the other branch. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d.

Assessor

The Common Council Having elected Samuel Norwood as a Principal Assessor thereby non-concurring with this branch in the election of Henry Edwards - said action came up for concurrence - Henry Edwards having declined being a candidate for said office, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that B. W. Williams was elected on the part of this Branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Per Diem
Hypn.

The Common Council Having elected Benjamin Gunt as a Per Diem Hypn. thereby non-concurring with this Branch in the election of Daniel Henshaw, said action came up for concurrence - and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that Daniel Henshaw was chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant
Hypn.

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that Branch had elected the following

persons as Assistant Assessors - viz: Ward 3 Solomon Carter. 4. Benjⁿ G. 151.

Cardman H. 5. Isaac. 6. Hⁿ A. Mann, James Hall, 7. Jⁿ Merriam March 21. 1854.
8. William H. 9. Lewis. 10. Simon H. Lewis. Being concurring in the choice
of said Hall, but non-concurring in the choice of the seven other
persons by this Board. Came up for concurrence. The petition of
Gwynn Bruster and others in favor of the election of Solomon Car-
ter and of G. J. B. Moulton, as Assistant Assessors in Ward 3 having
been read, the Board proceeded to ballot for seven Assistant Asses-
sors when it appeared that the following persons were chosen viz:
Ward 3 G. J. B. Moulton 4. Freeman. Hien, Budden. Nichols 6. Robert
B. Storer. 7. Julian O. Mason 8. James Glover. 10. Simeon H. Lewis.
This Board thereby concurring with the other branch in the choice
of said Lewis, but nonconcurring in the election of the other six
persons chosen by said branch. Sent down for concurrence.

The Joint Committee on Ordin- City
ances to which was referred the order of Feb. 1st in relation to the Forester
office of City Forester, having considered the subject report, that
it is inexpedient to establish such an office. For the Committee
Geo. Odiorne, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for con-
currence. Came up concurred March 23^d

The Joint Special Committee to Hands at
whom was referred a much of the Mayor's address as related to cube
Public Lands would appreciate Report: The committee are of
the opinion, that the lands of the City at North Water Street, south
of First Street, should be prepared for sale. They are not needed for
the use of the City; and the large tract of land, comprising about
1,400,000 feet, which is now nearly if not entirely, unproductive, might,

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with great advantage to the City's interests, be put into the market, and its proceeds applied to the reduction of our burdensome City debt. These lands, after making all necessary or desirable reservations for public uses, will bring at least \$100,000, besides increasing the amount of taxable property in the City. While our public debt is so large as at present, it appears an unwise policy to allow so large an amount of property to remain idle, which might and ought to be disposed of to reduce our outstanding liabilities. The Committee therefore respectfully submit the accompanying order, from Stanham, Jr., George F. Williams, Stephen Elton, Jr., Thacher Seal, Geo. W. Chipman. Ordered, That the Board of Public Land Commissioners be, and they are hereby, instructed to prepare for sale the City Lands at South Boston, lying between First and Fourth Streets, and K and O Streets, and to cause the necessary plans to be made therefor, making the necessary and proper reservations of lands for public use. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Public
Lands

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's address as relates to Public Lands, would respectfully report: The Committee would recommend that the Board of Public Land Commissioners be instructed to sell the public lands on which it is desirable to have buildings erected for the use of our increasing population at reasonably low prices, without any cash payment and on a long credit on condition of the erection of buildings thereon. The sale, for instance, might be on a term of seven years credit, with interest at five per cent, payable annually; the interest to commence at the time of the Board accepting the application of the purchaser for his lot; provided the purchaser should

assigns that commence a building, of a value to be prescribed by 153.
the Board, but without unnecessary restrictions as to style, within March 20. 1854
three months and complete the same within twelve months. The Com-
mittee think the prices should be uniform, without any advance until
a competition for lots shall make it necessary. The Committee also
recommend that such proprietors of building lots on the Neck as
shall erect buildings on said lots within twelve months from the pass-
age of the accompanying order shall have the rate of interest on
the instalments hereafter becoming due on account of said lots
changed to six per cent. per annum. They accordingly respectfully sub-
mit the accompanying order. John Durham Esq. Thos. Williams Esq. John
Allen Esq. Francis Neal Esq. W. Shipman Esq. Ordered, that the Board of Pub-
lic Land Commissioners do and they are hereby instructed to sell at
^{or} reasonably low prices and on long credits, those portions of the public
lands in which it is desirable to have buildings erected: the sale of
each lot to be on condition that the purchaser of such lot or his assigns
shall commence a building thereon of a value to be prescribed by the
Board, but without unnecessary restrictions as to style, within a time
prescribed by the Board, and shall complete the same within a cer-
tain number of months prescribed: the purchase price of such lots to
be paid in instalments, at six per cent. per annum, to commence
at the time of the vote of the Board accepting the application of
the purchaser. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening streets consider and report upon
the expediency of laying out Chauncy Place and Howe Street as
one continuous highway. Chauncy Place

In Board of Public Land
 Commission, March 7th 1824. Upon the application of Mr. Swallow
 in requesting that a passage way leading from Northampton
 to Garden Street, parallel with Church Street, and one thousand
 feet distant therefrom, might be reduced from its present width
 of twenty feet to ten feet (the city to take five feet of the portion cut off
 and the latter seven hundred and twenty feet to be the remain-
 ing five feet,) it was Ordered: That the request of Mr Swallow be
 granted, (subject to the approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,) provided he obtain the consent of all parties having
 an interest in said passage way, to the arrangement. Read
 and thereupon Ordered: That the same be approved.

Richardson

Sea Street.

(Filed Jan'y 3^d 1857)

Ordered: That Thomas Richardson

be paid the sum of Three hundred dollars, (\$400.00) for land taken
 from him to widen Sea Street, as herewith described marked "A", upon
 the execution and delivery of the usual deed thereof; and that
 the City also convey to said Richardson the strip of land on Sea
 Street between the brick building of the City and land of said
 Richardson, as herewith described marked "B". Descriptions above re-
 ferred to. "A." Description of land taken from Thomas Richardson
 on Sea Street, Nov. 25th 1852. Beginning at the southwesterly corner of
 the said premise at the northeasterly corner of the brick building
 fronting on Sea Street, late of Levi Bliss deceased; thence running
 eastwardly, along the northern line of said Richardson's land, four
 feet; thence northwardly by Sea Street, eight feet; thence westwardly
 by land lately conveyed to the City of Boston by Solomon Apple, four
 feet and six hundredths of a foot; thence southwardly, along the
 line of Sea Street, as established by an order of the Board of

Mayor and Aldermen, dated November 22^d 1852. seven feet and thirty
four hundredths of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing thirty
square feet, and seventy hundredths of a square foot, more or less. 135.
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Henry S. Mc Kean, Asst^t City Eng^r March 20th 1854. Description of
portion of City's land on Sea Street between City's brick building
& Thomas Richardson's land. Beginning at the southeasterly corner of
the said premises, at the point where the boundary line between
land of said City and land of said Richardson meets the westerly
line of Sea Street, as established by an order of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen dated November 22^d 1852; thence running
westwardly, along said boundary line, twenty three feet and seventy
eight hundredths of a foot; thence northwardly, nearly at right angles
with the line last above described, eight hundredths of a foot; thence
eastwardly, along the southerly side of a brick building, belonging
to said City, twenty three feet and seventy eight hundredths of a
foot; and thence southwardly, along said line of Sea Street, fifteen
hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning; containing two
sq. feet and seventy three hundredths of a square foot, more or less.
Henry S. Mc Kean, Asst^t City Eng^r March 20th 1854.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be Tax Payers
and he is hereby directed to furnish to this Board the names delinquent
of all delinquent tax payers for the years 1851, 1852, 1853.

Ordered: That the Superinten = Perry
dent of Streets be authorized to grade Perry Street in conformity Street
with the grade established by the City Engineer.

March 26. 1874. Ordinances to and they are hereby authorized to consider and report upon the expediency of so altering the Ordinance of 1820 concerning the keeping and sale of Second hand articles as will empower the Mayor and Aldermen to charge Fifty dollars for each license as aforesaid, and in general to give them more control over the keeping of such articles. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d

Court Street.
Appleton.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that that street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of A. M. Appleton bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the said land, at the point where the boundary line between land of the said Heirs and land of the heirs of one Welch meets the northwesterly line of the said street; thence running northwardly, bounded by the said street, twenty one feet and $\frac{12}{100}$ of a foot; thence northwardly, by and along the line from the said Appleton to widen the said street, one foot and $\frac{38}{100}$ of a foot; and thence northwardly along the proposed line of widening of the said street, about twenty feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning, containing 13 square feet, more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, it is therefore ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city, according to a plan of the said widening made by Henry J. LeBaron dated March

26th 1854. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Court Street, as aforesaid, will amount to one hundred & fifty dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Library take into consideration the expediency of locating the building to be erected for the use of the Public Library in some portion of the land known as the Public Garden and report upon the subject. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 23^d

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Maverick Street from Border to New Streets.

Ordered: That the Mayor and Aldermen be a committee to consider the expediency of changing the motive power on the Old Colony rail road between Seventh Street and Kneeland Street in bringing their freight and passenger cars into the city, pursuant to the power reserved to this Board by the third section of chapter 126 of the Statutes of 1845 and the third section of chapter 25 Statutes of 1847.

Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island consider and report upon the expediency of removing the said Institutions from South Boston and locating the same in some place in the country within a reasonable distance from the city.

158 where much more land may be devoted to their use. Sent
March 20 1854 down for concurrence. Name up concurred March 23^d

Public Health.
Funeral Cars.

The Joint Committee on Ordinances
to which was referred "an Ordinance" to amend an Ordinance
relating to the Public Health passed Aug 20. 1850. report. That the pas-
sage of the Ordinance, as proposed, is inexpedient. For the Committee,
Geo. Ediorne, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for con-
currence. Name up concurred March 23^d

Welles
Mkinson Street

Ordered: That there be paid to
John Welles the sum of Three hundred and fifty \$100 Dollars for
land taken to widen Mkinson Street, upon said tract giving to
the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said
taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for
buying out and widening Streets.

Welles
Broad Street.

Ordered: That there be paid to
John Welles the sum of Fifty eight \$58 Dollars for land taken
to widen Broad Street, upon said tract giving to the City a deed
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that
the same be charged to the appropriation for buying out and wid-
ening Streets.

Seaver.

An order that there be paid to
Nath^l Seaver late Shuant Officer his salary up to April 1. 1854
was read and referred to the Mayor.

Kely

Ordered: That the Chief
of Police be directed to notify James Kely to have the side =

water in front of his premises on Commercial Street, repaired forth- 159.
with, the said sidewalk having been broken up by said Kelly March 20, 1854.
without authority, his said.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of the Almshouses &c.
and of the Home for the Friendless, House of Correction and Lunatic Asylum
be and they are hereby directed to report quarterly to this Board the
number of the inmates of these Institutions, specifying the num-
ber who are Americans and the number who are of Foreign
Parentage.

The Special Committee to whom Boston
was referred the petition of Josiah Buddle and others praying & Maine
that the order of this Board, Oct. 16, 1853, regulating the power
power and rate of speed of the cars on the Boston and Maine Rail
Road within the limits of the City, may be rescinded or so modi-
fied as to allow the Corporation to use steam instead of horse
power; have attended to said petition and report: That a patient
and careful hearing has been given to all the parties interested;
in the course of which, a mass of testimony was introduced tend-
ing to show the comparative advantages of horse and steam
power for propelling cars across the streets of the City. Your Com-
mittee are of the opinion that a due regard for the public safety
and convenience imperatively requires the continued use of
horse power, and therefore recommend that the petitioners have
leave to withdraw. The same Committee to whom also was re-
ferred the communication of the Boston and Maine Rail Road
Corporation asking this Board to take such action as may to
them seem proper, in relation to the application of said Corpora-
tion to the Legislature for leave to cross Causeway and Thruway

March 21, 1854. Streets above grade; have examined that subject and Report: That no definite plan has been submitted by the Corporation of the particular mode by which they propose to cross these streets. It is understood, however, to be the design of the Corporation to cross by means of arches, constructed of wood or stone, at such a level above the streets as to have clear spaces about ten feet high over the sidewalks as far as the piers at the margins of the cartways, from which points segmental arches are to rise to a clear height of twelve and one half feet above the streets. Upon these arches it is proposed to cross with the passenger trains only, propelled by steam power, leaving all the freight trains to cross by horse power at grade. It is understood, also, to be the design of the Corporation to obtain from the Legislature in connexion with the right to cross above grade with steam power, the further privilege to take more land east of Causeway Street for Railroad purposes, and to cross said street, also, Traverse Street, with additional tracks at grade and on both sides of the proposed arches. Various objections at once present themselves to this project; among them may be named an indefinitely increasing number of crossings at great speed over the arches by steam power, with all their attendant inconveniences from smoke, steam and cinders; dangers of fire from the engine, and to the passengers on the streets below, from frightened horses; the crossing of freight trains at the same time on both sides of the arches; the additional obstructions presented by the piers at the margins of the cartways; the greatly increased number of crossings for wagon purposes at grade; the entire stoppage of all roads of much size of more than about eleven feet in height; besides other dangers particularly incident to the elevated position of the passenger

backs These consequences your Committee believe to be inseparable 161
from the proposed enterprise of the Corporation, and would, in the March 20, 1854.
opinion of the Committee present a complication of dangers and
obstructions far greater than any to be apprehended from the present
mode of crossing. The practical working of the present mode as shown
by the evidence before the Committee, has been highly successful,
and appears to have given great satisfaction to the public,
notwithstanding it has been in operation but a short time, and
has not, consequently, reached that degree of perfection which it
doubtless will under the skilful and efficient management of
the Corporation. The Boston and Maine Rail Road Corporation
claim that the City is honorably bound to refrain from any act
having for its object the removal of their depot west of Causeway
Street. They rest this claim upon the following facts. The Railroad
had a right by their charter to locate, and did locate the site
of their depot about ninety feet east of its present position, where
upon the City Authorities with a view to avoid so great an in-
convenience to the public travel as the location of the depot at
that point would be, made a bargain with the Railroad Cor-
poration by which each party surrendered a portion of land
for purposes of public highways, to be kept in care by the City,
and the Rail Road Corporation located their depot where it
now stands. The Committee do not think this bargain binds the
City to the extent that the Rail Road Corporation claim; but as
several Railroad depots, and among them that of the Boston &
Maine are already located within the limits of the marginal
streets; and others still, are empowered by the Legislature to do
the same; the City will, only insist upon the right, so far as these
roads are concerned, to regulate their motive power and speed so

162 as effectually to secure that degree of safety and convenience to
March 20, 1854, passengers on the highways which every citizen, however humble,
has a right to expect from his public servants. The Committee in
coming to a conclusion in relation to this particular project of the
Boston and Maine Railroad Corporation, cannot conceal from
view its prospective disastrous effects upon the finances of the City.
For, if the policy of inviting Railroad Corporations to occupy the
central portions of the City for their depots, is adopted with the
privileges sought in this instance we shall be to withdraw
large portions of our real estate from taxation, besides greatly reducing
in its effects the aggregate taxable value of real estate in the City
at large. For the Committee W. Washburn. Resolved: That in
view of all the circumstances of the case the City Solicitor be in-
structed to resist the grant of the prayer of the petition of the Boston
and Maine Rail Road Corporation now pending before the Legis-
lature, for leave to cross Causeway and Travers Streets above
grade with their passenger cars; and also that the City Solicitor be
instructed to resist the prayer of the petition of said Corporation
now pending before the Legislature to take from this Board its
joint control over the motive power on their Railroad within the
limits of the City.

Boston
& Maine
Rail Road.

Alderman Odiorne presented a
minority report on the subject of the Boston and Maine Railroad,
which was in favor of granting the prayers of the petitioners & which
recommended the passage of the following order and resolve:
Ordered, that the Boston and Maine Rail Road Corporation
be and they are hereby allowed to use Steam as a motive power
in drawing their Passenger Trains between their depot on Summer
St Square and the westerly side of Causeway Street, provided

that they move at a rate of speed of not over 4 miles per hour, and 163.
also provided that they come to a full stop with their inward train March 20 1854.
at the westerly side of Causeway Street before crossing said street.
Said Rail Road Company shall be restricted to the use of Horse
power in moving their freight cars across the said Causeway and
Haverhill Streets. Resolved: That it is not expedient to oppose the Boston
and Maine Rail Road Company in the matter of their Petition be-
fore the Legislature asking to be allowed to cross Causeway and
Haverhill Streets above grade, and to take certain lands on the
northerly side of their track, on Haverhill Street for freight, depots pro-
vided the land so taken continue subject to taxation. Report accepted.

A motion having been made Boston &
to substitute the minority Report for the Majority Report and the Maine
Yeas and Nays being required thereon the same was rejected by Rail Road.
The following vote; Yeas Aldermen Dingley, Dunham & Odiorne. 3.
Nays The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Drake, Washburn and Wil-
liams. 6.

The Majority Report was then Boston
accepted and the resolution thereto appended was passed by the fol- & Maine
lowing vote: Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Drake, Wash Rail Road.
burn, and Williams. 6. Nays Aldermen Dingley, Dunham and
Odiorne. 3. A motion to reconsider this latter vote was lost.

Agreeably to assignment the Public
Ordinance providing for the establishment of a Board of Com- Library
missioners on the erection of a building for the Public Library of maintaining.
the City of Boston was taken up, and having been amended by
adding in Section 1 after the word March "or April" by making

11. out the word six and inserting 'seven' and by striking out the last two and inserting 'three' and in Section 3. by striking out the word six and inserting 'three' and in Section 4. by adding after Library, the word 'building' - was passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 10 o'clock. A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Wednesday the Twenty second day of March, Anno Domini 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Washburn.

leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk on Ircate Street. 165.

Referred to the Committee on Paving

March 22. 1854.

Petition of T. H. Perkins & others

Calon

that William L. Calon may be continued in the office of Deputy Chief of Police - of Thomas A. Anony and others for the same - and of Lewis Rice and other Hotel keepers in favor of the same object: referred to the Mayor.

July 6. 1854.

Ordered: That the Committee

Evans

on Boston Harbor cause the Draws over the channel on the Rail Road built by William Evans across South Bay, to be removed until such time as the said Evans may require the use of said road. Sent down for concurrence. none appeared. March 25th

Bridges.

Whereas, in the opinion of the

Ann Street.

Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require

Wilkinson.

that Ann Street should be widened at Ann Street Place, and

Wall. Page

from thence to Fleet Street, it is therefore hereby ordered, that due

Rand

notice be given to Simon Wilkinson, Deacon Hall, Hilly Page,

Stanwood.

Mrs. Rand, Widow of John Rand, and Samuel Stanwood that this

Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a

part of the land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a

public street - and that Monday, the twenty seventh day of March

instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing

any objections which may be made thereto.

Petition of Josiah Stedman and

Stedman

others that the board would take some efficient measure regard

ing the buildings on the Town estate in Washington Street. Re-

ferred to the Committee on Streets.

March 1854, whom was referred so much of the Mayor's address as relates

Street & Public Works having considered that subject recommend the
 Government passage of the following law. On the Committee John A. Lincoln
 Chairman. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby
 directed to petition the Legislature at its present session for the pas-
 sage of a law, substantially like the one reported to the Legislature
 of 1846 by their Judiciary Committee, by which some portion of the ex-
 pense for laying out and discontinuing highways in the City of
 Boston may be borne by the abutter benefited thereby. Read, ac-
 cepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came
 up concurred March 23^d

Chelsea.

Ordered: That the Committee on
 Paving in conference with the Selectmen of the Town of Chelsea, or
 with any Committee from said Town of Chelsea, be and they are
 hereby empowered to fix and determine the dividing lines be-
 tween said Town of Chelsea & that part of Boston called East
 Boston; and Committees may erect monuments on said line.

Dorchester.

Ordered: That the Committee on
 Paving, together with the Selectmen of the Town of Dorchester,
 fix and determine the line dividing that part of Boston called
 South Boston from the Town of Dorchester. Said Committee
 may erect monuments on said line.

Internal

Health & Sanitation. Alderman. Men offend the Pe-
 titioning. Ordered: That ——— with such as the Common Coun-
 cil may join be a Committee to investigate the official conduct
 of the Superintendent of Internal Health with authority to

send for persons and papers. Read and laid on the table. 167.

March 22, 1837.

The Committee on Streets to whom Hedman.
was referred the petition of Josiah Hedman and others respecting the
state of the buildings on the Tenno Estate, reported, that there is no
obstruction in the Streets by the building referred to, and they recom-
mend that the petition be referred to the Committee on the Fire Depart-
ment. Read and accepted.

The Committee on so much of Police
the Mayor's address as relates to the Police and Watch have carefully & Widen.
considered the subject, and beg leave to Report: The subject of the
consolidation of the Watch and Police has been long before the pub-
lic mind, and a general wish is felt that some judicious plan for
that purpose should be adopted. The Committee cannot hope to throw
any additional light upon the subject; they can only repeat what
has been often and ably said before. It is obvious that greater unity
of action would be obtained by confining all the criminal busi-
ness and police matters of the City to one department, instead of as
now to two discordant bodies. Jealousy of each others fame, desirous of
receiving credit for a successful pursuit upon crime and criminals,
information of the utmost importance in the prosecution of one of
the departments would very naturally be withheld from the other,
at a time when it would be highly desirable that it should be
made known, and by such delay the ends of justice might be de-
feated. It is well known that such has been the case heretofore,
and it is important that no such opportunity should be ever af-
forded again. The Watch, the Police and Prison are all parts of
such a state of things. Again to make the present arrangement,
it is well known that there are certain important hours out of

160 The twenty four when the City is without any police protection is noted;
March 22, 1854, and the annals of our police records show that much of the crime
that is perpetrated in the City is done during those hours when the
watch have retired from their posts, and before the police appear for
duty. It needs no argument to show that a great City like ours,
offering so many inducements and opportunities for crime, should
never be unguarded by our protectors; but under the present arrange-
ment it has been found impossible to prevent this interregnum of
time offering such facilities for evil disposed persons. Should the
plan proposed however be adopted, the City will at all times be
under the guardianship of our faithful officers, and we must, doubt-
less, soon see its good effects in the diminution of crime. Various
other reasons might be urged in favor of this plan, but the Com-
mittee deem it needless to enter into an elaborate argument in
favor of what must be so obvious to all. They have already sub-
mitted an ordinance for the consolidation of the two departments,
and they confidently hope it will receive the sanction of both
branches of the City Government. They call your attention to the
annexed plan of organization and details, which has been
prepared with great labor and care; it will be noticed that the
Fire and Harbor Police are superseded, and for present purposes
we recommend that the present watch houses be used as station
houses; although they would not assume the proposed arrangement
to be perfect. They think, if adopted, it would prove to be a great
advance upon the present system, and would tend to obviate most
of the difficulties under which we are now laboring. For the Com-
mittee. George F. Williams, Chairman. The foregoing report and the
rules were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Joint Special Committee. 169.

of the City Council, to which was referred so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the City Charter together with sundry orders directing the Committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the City Charter, have, with the aid of able legal counsel given the subject mature consideration, and now have to submit respectfully the following Report: The original charter was adopted more than thirty years ago. It was prepared and matured by some of the ablest men of that period, in the City, and it was found upon trial for many years, to subsist in the great public opinion it was originally intended without material alterations. But such is the imperfection of human wisdom, that few systems of organic law, although suited to the conditions and wants of the people who adopt them at the time, have been found to contain the necessary provisions to enable the executive and legislative power of the Government to meet the public exigencies growing out of continual change of population, change of ideas and wants of the community, change and increase of commercial, manufacturing and agricultural interests, and more than all, in the case of the City, the vast increase in the public expenditures, and the corresponding increased responsibilities of its disbursing officers. Since the adoption of the present charter, the Legislature has passed twenty-eight acts, either amendatory to the City Charter, or modifying or defining the duties of some of the City officers under said charter. Besides, in different chapters in the Revised Statutes of the same character. Some of the provisions of the present charter are imperfect and difficult of interpretation, and some others do not seem to contain the necessary plain directions to carry out what was evidently the intention of its framers to order to be done. The Committee, therefore, after

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Charter.

170 mature deliberation, determined to present to the City Council an en-

March 22 1864 the new draft of a charter and in doing so, they have endeavored to simplify as much as possible the original provisions which have been retained in the new draft. The principal changes which the Committee have adopted are 1st a provision for twelve aldermen to be elected in their respective wards, one from each. 2^d The Mayor is clothed with the veto power upon all Legislative measures of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, and is made, so far, a separate executive branch of the government. 3^d The Board of Aldermen shall choose a permanent President. 4th The election of the School Committee by the people or by the City Council or part of such Committee by each. 5th the application of the plurality rule in the election of all city officers by the people. And the other alterations are but a simplification of existing provisions in the charter, or a combination of different enactments upon the same subject into one general provision. It will then be perceived that the alterations which the Committee have made are few, but still they are important. The most important change or perhaps that which will attract more attention than any other is the change in the number and mode of electing Aldermen. The Committee were fully sensible of the objection to electing Aldermen by wards, and thus creating two branches of the government, both elective, by the same constituency. This is no new system in practice, but still it overrides one of the means of preserving in government through the elective a proper system of checks upon different branches of legislative power. The Committee however believe that the change possesses merits far outweighing all the objections which may be brought against it. It is believed that the election of Aldermen by wards will stimulate the electors of all parties to bring forward their best

men in the hope of success through such means. The voters now
vote for men in distant parts of the city to whom they are entire
strangers, and some of whom they never have seen and perhaps never
heard of until their names were seen upon a ticket placed in their
hands; but if the candidate should be a resident of the ward in
which the elector resides, he would be known to his constituents, and
could not command their support, if unworthy of it; and it is be-
lieved that there is very little danger that the Board of Aldermen would
not be composed of as good and substantial men under this system,
as it now is under the present charter. The Committee believe that
the second attention given to the Mayor's resignation, effectually
guards against any reasonable apprehension from the change in
the number and mode of electing Aldermen. The 4th and 5th atten-
tions the Committee hardly deem it necessary to comment upon.
Every person must admit the propriety of making all the officers
of the City, whether individuals, boards or committees who have
the power of disbursing money, amenable to the people or the City
Government, hence the provision for electing by the people or by the
City Council, the School Committee. The plurality law has already been
adopted by the General Court and needs no argument for your ad-
option of it. The Committee recommend the approval of the draft
of a new charter herewith submitted and the adoption of the fol-
lowing order. Oliver Frost, W. Washburn, Selham Kenney, Calvin
P. Hinds, Daniel H. Kelly, Committee. Ordered: That His Honor the
Mayor be and he is hereby required to present to the General Court
of the Commonwealth now in session, by memorial in behalf of
the City of Boston, the accompanying draft of a new and revised
charter for the said City and request its approval by the Legislature.
The foregoing report and order, and a revised charter in a new

172. draft, as contained in City Document No. 27 came up from the Com-
mon Council which had passed the Common Council with the fol-
lowing amendments, - in Sec. 27 towards the close after the word
aforesaid insert 'or by either of the persons authorized to ad-
minister said oath to the Mayor.' Sec. 43 after the word shall,
strike out 'as soon as conveniently may be after their annual
organization,' and insert 'in the month of May.' Sec. 46 After the
word changed in the last line strike out 'in convention' and
insert 'by the City Council.' Strike out Sec. 55 and 56, and insert
the following: Sec. 55. The qualified voters of each ward shall
be called upon to give their votes for not more than three able
and discreet men being inhabitants of said Ward to be mem-
bers of the School Committee, who shall hold their offices for
not more than three years each person to be chosen at the an-
nual meeting, provided that at the first meeting after the
adoption of this Charter three members shall be chosen and in
each subsequent year one member shall be chosen to fill the va-
cancy created by the retiring member. The first person elect-
ed on the list shall serve out of office at the end of one year, the
second person elected shall serve out of office at the end of two
years, and so of the remaining member, one retiring each
year and in the order in which they are named till the whole
be changed. (The succeeding sections to be renumbered.) Sec. 66
strike out the word first before Monday and insert "Second".
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred with the following amendments in the said draft
viz: 1. In Sec. 26 at the end thereof add, 'but they shall not be so
held after they take up their permanent residence out of the City'
2. In Sec. 44. at the end thereof add 'nor be eligible by the people'

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Police
Noten

174. said Ordinance was postponed to Monday next.

To which day at four o'clock, P.M. the Board adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty seventh day of March, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Clark

Courtesy
Place.

Jacobs

McEnally

McEnally

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Petition of Calvin W. Clark &

others, asking that the road be opened as a Public Highway, referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Hiram Jacobs & others,

for the extension of Mount Vernon Street, referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Francis McEnally for

the purchase of a strip of land to make a Highway belonging to the City in South Boston near Summer Street, referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of James F. Green &

others against the widening of Essex Street, referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of George S. Raymond

and others that Rockline Street may be raised to its established grade

of David T. Johnson and others, that Andrew Street may be paved - of

Joseph H. Adams & others that Essex Street may be graded - of

William Feltyplace and others that Chelsea Street be graded - of

Henry Sutter and others that the grade of Hamilton Street be raised

Condit and White Streets in charge of His Honor's Survey and others 172.
that the sidewalks in May Street may be repaired. Referred to the March 27, 1884
Committee on Paving &c.

Petition of Seth W. Fuller and Fuller-
others for leave to plant trees in May Street of J. Seary for leave Seary
to move a wooden building from Sea Street to South Street of A. Sharp Sharp
and others occupants of lots on Washington Street they may be
heard respecting their turning frames. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Paving.

Petition of J. Atkinson and others Atkinson.
for a common sewer in Pleasant Street of Solomon Ayer & others Ayer.
for a common sewer in High and South Streets. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of J. A. Perry for leave Perry
to exhibit a Panorama and Dissolving Views at the Melodeon. Refer-
red to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of B. F. Gram for li- Gram
cense as a dealer in second hand articles. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Licenses.

On motion of Alderman Ding Streets
by the Committee on laying out and widening Streets were settlement
authorized to direct the city Solicitor and such other legal coun- coun-
sel as they may deem expedient to urge before the Legislature
the passage of an act whereby the expense or a portion of the ex-
pense of laying out and discontinuing highways in the city of Bos-
ton may be assessed upon the abutters benefitted thereby.

Petition of John Stimpson and Stimpson
others that certain modifications may be made in the Ordinance

176 respecting Water Rules. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent
March 27. 1854. down for concurrence. Came up concurred March 30.

Jones

Petition of Benjamin Jones for leave
to water Charles Street from Beacon Street to Providence Street.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Lewis

Petition of Winslow Lewis for abate-
ment of a nuisance in Plymouth and Northampton Streets. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Lands.
Appropriations.

A request from the Board of Public
Land Commissioners, that the City Council would appropriate \$5,
thousand dollars for filling up, grading and improving the Public
Lands, was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

School House
at East
Boston.

A report and order of the School
Committee in favor of erecting a new Grammar School House in
East Boston near Salem Square was referred to the Commit-
tee on Appropriations in concurrence.

Glines

Petition of Augustus Glines &
others that all alien-born municipal office holders be discharged.
Referred to the Mayor.

Fire Dept.
increasing no.

A communication from the Board
of Engineers of the Fire Department that the effective force of
each Engine Company be increased by the addition of four men
was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

In reply to an order of the City 177.

Council requesting the City Solicitor to furnish them with information respecting unpaid instruments on lands within the city. A communication was received referring the City Council to the office of the Superintendent of the Public Lands for further information. Read and sent down. In Common Council Placed on file.

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Public

Lands

On nomination by the Mayor Watch.

He is now was appointed Captain of the Watch vice H. A. Jones removed. Gilbert Simonds was appointed a Special Police Officer at the Lunatic Hospital. - Geo. A. Fox was appointed in the Police and William Prescott was appointed a Constable of the Watch.

Cap. H. A. Jones

Special Police

Police

Agreeably to notice Messrs Pratt and

Thn Street.

Wilkinson and Mary Rand appeared and objected to the proposed widening of Thn Street by taking their land; after a hearing of the parties the subject was referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Ordered: That there be paid to

Miss

Mary Ann Ellis the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars in damage occasioned to her estate on Fayette Street by the change of the grade of Church Street, upon her proving her title to the said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Parings &c. This order to take the place of the one signed by H. A. Jones and No. 11-1854 which is hereby annulled.

(Vide June 10. 1856)

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Howe

Ordered, That there be paid to J. G. Howe the sum of Thirty Dollars for damages sustained by the change of grade of the 'Old Road' upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs & expenses in consequence of said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Morse

Ordered, That there be paid to J. Morse the sum of One Hundred and twenty dollars for damages sustained by said Morse on Church St., Church Lane Place, and Madison Place, by the change of the grade of Church Street, upon his proving his title to said estates to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Fuller

Ordered, That there be paid to William F. Fuller the sum of Thirty Dollars for damages sustained by the change of the grade of Bond Street upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Stevens

Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel B. Stevens the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages sustained by the change of the grade of I Street upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon

his giving to the city an acquittance and discharge for all dam- 174.
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Sinking &c.

Ordered, That there be paid to Morse
Black Morse the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages sustained by the
change of the grade of the "Old road" upon his proving his title to the
estate to the satisfaction of the city solicitor and upon his giving
to the city an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and
expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same
be charged to the appropriation for Sinking &c.

Ordered: That there be Methodist
paid to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church the sum of Episcopal
Three thousand Dollars for damages sustained to said Church on Church.
Church Street, by the change of the grade of said street upon their
proving the title of said Church to said estate to the satisfaction
of the city solicitor and upon their giving to the city an acquit-
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
consequence of said change of grade; and for any widening of
said street to this date, and that the same be charged to the ap-
propriation for Sinking &c. This order to take the place of the order
passed Nov 17th 1833, which is hereby annulled.

Ordered, That there be paid Williams.
to Harriett L. Williams the sum of One hundred dollars for
damages sustained by the change of the grade of the "Old road"
and "Academy" upon her proving her title to the estate to the
satisfaction of the city solicitor and upon her giving to the city
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and ex =

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March 27, 1854. passes in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Weld.

Ordered, That there be paid to John G. Weld, Guardian, the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for damages sustained to the estate of the minor children of George M. Weld, deceased, N^o 43 Fayette Street, by the change of the grade of Church Street, upon his proving the title of said children to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. This order to take the place of the order passed July 11th 1853, which is hereby annulled.

Holland

Ordered: That there be paid to Melinda F. Holland the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars for damage occasioned to her estate on Church Street by the change of the grade thereof, upon her giving evidence to the City that she is the owner of said estate, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Butler.

Storms.

On the petition of James Butler that Love Street be paved - and of William R. Storms that Tyler Street be paved between Harvard and Oak Streets, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Buck

Ephraim Buck was allowed to construct a Grate Hole under the sidewalk in Shafe Street on the usual conditions

which was referred the within petition of Maria Fernald for damages occasioned by the change of grade on Fourth Street, having considered the same beg leave to report that in consequence of there not being a sufficient amount of the Paving appropriation of the present financial year unappropriated, the same will be passed upon the commencement of the next financial year, allowing the said Maria Fernald the sum of Twenty seven hundred dollars, the same to be in full compensation for said damages upon said Maria Fernald signifying to this Committee that she will accept the same. For the Committee, Oliver Frost Chairman.
Read and accepted.

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Fernald.

The Committee on Paving to Stetson
to which was referred the within petition of Stetson and Bentley to be paid for labor and material for First and I streets having considered the same and examined the premises specified, beg leave to report, that there be paid to said Stetson and Bentley the sum of Five hundred dollars, when said Stetson and Bentley shall remove all their buildings and other obstructions from I Street, to the water, and accept in full for all claims for filling up First and I Streets. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That there be paid to Bennett.

W. H. Bennett the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars for damages occasioned to his estate on Church Street by the change of the grade thereof, upon his giving evidence to the City that he is the owner of said estate, and in acquittance and release for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving to

March 27, 1857. The Committee on Paving, to which was referred the petition of George Howe to be compensated for damage sustained by him in consequence of the change of grade of Water and Congress Streets, reported leave to withdraw on the same. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving &c. to which was referred the memorial of Samuel S. Holten, & about two hundred and fifty others, praying "that so much of the order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the 31st day of February, 1854, as relates to curtains and pendants to awnings, may be repealed, &c." &c. &c. The number and respectability of the petitioners, seem to the Committee to require a full examination of the effect and necessity of the order in question. In pursuance of the Statutes of the Commonwealth in relation to the streets and public ways of the several cities and towns, the City Council of 1851 passed an ordinance in relation to "Sheds", in the twentieth section of which it is provided, that it shall be lawful to place or continue to maintain awnings, or shades before any house, shop or store in any street, upon the terms and under the regulations mentioned in this section, and not otherwise; provided, that the Mayor and Aldermen, as to particular buildings or sheds, may order that no awnings or shades shall be erected. Such awnings or shades shall be safely fixed and supported in such manner as not to interfere with passengers, and so that the lowest part thereof shall never be less than nine feet in height above the sidewalk or street, and in no case to extend beyond the line of the sidewalk; and the person so placing or continuing to maintain the same, shall, in all respects, conform to any directions in relation to the materials, the construction and maintenance which

shall be given by the Mayor and Aldermen. Any person violating
any of the provisions of this section or any such direction of the
Mayor and Aldermen, shall be liable to a penalty of not less
than three nor more than twenty dollars, and to a like penalty for
every day that any such awning or shade shall be continued,
in violation of such provision or direction. It will be perceived that
~~although awnings are permitted to be used in the streets~~
subject to the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen, the ordinance does
not contemplate the use of pendants or hanging curtains attached
to such awnings, unless they are to be regarded as signs, in which
case they are entirely forbidden as now used. Neither the Com-
mittee or the Board are or were disposed to enforce upon any
class of citizens an arbitrary or unnecessary rule, but only to
exercise a clear and undisputed power in a class of cases
where the public interest and safety seemed to the Board clear-
ly to demand it. The City now pays an annual sum of nearly
or quite One hundred thousand dollars, for lighting the streets
by night and about One hundred thousand more for the
Watch department. These large sums are cheerfully borne by
the tax-payers on account of the great convenience of the light
to the citizens, and of the increased security afforded to property
against fire, and incursions of a class of citizens, persons
more interested in these means of protection to property,
according to their capital, than the petitioners; and the Com-
mittee believe that none will be more ready to aid and sus-
tain the Board in this measure when the object is so undoubt-
edly understood. It doubtless has not escaped the observa-
tion of any one who has been in the habit of traversing our
streets to note during the summer months, when awnings

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For the purpose of the night, from the lamps in use, the
March 27, 1854. cas is almost entirely excluded from the street, and the side-
walks rendered as dark as if no lamps had been erected.
In such cases, the light from the lamps affords no assistance
in the night police in the detection and pursuit of those who use
the hours of the night to disturb the public peace or to commit
depredations upon the citizens. While the Mayor and Aldermen
have no disposition to impose arbitrary or unreasonable rules
upon any class of citizens, nor to enforce existing ones rigidly,
beyond the public necessity, they confidently believe that the pe-
titioners will, upon reflection, cheerfully submit to a reasonable
construction of the order in question, which from necessity must
be general in its application. There may be cases where a strict
compliance with the letter of the order would be inconvenient, and
perhaps impossible, except by an entire removal of the curbing.
In all such cases, by application to the City Clerk, such instruc-
tions may be given to the Chief of Police as the case may require.
In order to render the regulation as free from objections as possible,
and to meet the request of the petitioners as far as the Board
can do it in view of the public object to be obtained, the Com-
mittee recommend that permanent and curbing to curbing may
be permitted to be used, provided they are not so hung as to obstruct
the public travel under them, and provided also, that they shall be
so constructed as to roll or tie up, or to slide upon rings to one point,
by night. For the Committee, Oliver West, Chairman. Read on the
28th day of March, 1854.

Emerson

On the petition of Jonathan Emerson
that flagstones be laid in Fayette Street, the Committee on Paving
reported that the prayer of the petition be granted. Read and accepted.

On the petition of John Bacon, 183.

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Please your

The Mayor to whom was refer-

in *Stratford Street* & assessing the expense thereof on all persons who 187.
may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or March 27, 1854.
who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit there-
by: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Ordered, That due notice be Given
given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., Paris Street,
take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common
sewer in Paris Street, East Boston, and of assessing the expense
thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains in-
to such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall
receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto,
will then and there be heard.

On the petition of *Oliver Parker* Parker
for an abatement of an assessment for the construction of a Com-
mon Sewer in Cove Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains
reported: read and accepted.

On the petition of *George W. Parker* Parker
for an abatement of an assessment for the construction of a Com-
mon Sewer in Cove Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains
reported: read and accepted.

On the petition of *W. W. Bass* Bass
that the Committee on the Fire Department reported in favor of Dispatch
changing the name of "Dispatch Hydrant #2" to "Union Hydrant Hydrant 6"
and accepted.

On the petition of *James H. Bass* Bass
and the Council: no objection: read and accepted.

1848. pike street, be hereafter known and designated as "Worcester
house."

Nickerson
South Street.

The kind Special Committee to
whom was referred the petition of Thomas Nickerson and others
for leave to hire or purchase a lot of land at South Boston,
in order to erect a house of worship respectfully report. That the
lot in question which belongs to the city is situated on the corner
of South and 4th streets, extending one hundred feet on the former,
and one hundred and twenty five feet on the latter street. The building
which is proposed to be erected thereon, is a Baptist chapel or
church which will be built chiefly by donations from the citizens of
that section without distinction of sect, who are desirous that some
provision for Sabbath school instruction should be furnished to them.
Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be
complied with on the following terms. That said petitioners or their
successors pay yearly for the lease of said lot of land, the sum of
ten dollars, in ten years, provided however that upon the pay-
ment by them, at any time within ten years from the first day
of June next of the sum of ten thousand dollars, with the propor-
tion of rent then due, a deed of said property shall be given to them
by the city. In accordance with the above suggestion your Committee
recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee,
J. Bunker Fox Chairman. Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is
herby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the city to
Thomas Nickerson, George S. Dexter and Ambrose Lewis a lease
of the lot of land bounded on the north by the railroad and
South Street and on the west by the lot owned by the city
with a provision for an annual rent of ten dollars, on
condition that a chapel or church for religious instruction be erected

therein within six months. Provided however that if said Thomas
Tichenor and others shall pay into the City Treasury within one year
from the first day of May next, the sum of One thousand dollars
more together with the amount of the interest on the same, then the
land shall be devoted to no other purpose whatsoever. Read, accept-
ed and the order passed. Sent back for concurrence. Concurrence
concurred March 30th

The Joint Special Committee to
whom was referred the petition of Edward Beecher and others, that
William H. Miller for his services including in
the petition a reference to the State to the House.
For the committee Wm. H. Miller, Chairman. Read and accepted.
Concurrence concurred March 30th

R. B. Gillmore was allowed to ex-
hibit a Panorama at Amoy Hall.

On petition of Alexander Miller
and others for license to sell wine and beer, the
committee on licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and ac-
cepted.

On the notice of intention to
build by J. Wellington on Pleasant Street the Committee on Streets
reported that no action was required. Read and that the no-
tice of said building be referred to the committee on streets. Read, ac-
cepted and referred accordingly.

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Sea Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Sea Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Samuel A. May, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the said land, being the southerly corner of Sea and East Street; thence running northwardly, bounded by East Street, four feet and nineteen hundredths of a foot; thence southwardly, along the proposed line of widening of Sea Street, thirty two feet and forty one hundredths of a foot; thence eastwardly, by land now or late of Eber Parker, four feet and fifty hundredths of a foot; and thence northwardly, by Sea Street, thirty one feet, to the point of beginning; containing one hundred and thirty four square, and eighty seven hundredths of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice

has been given of the intention of this Council to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. T. Chesbrough dated December 30th 1853. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Sea Street, as aforesaid, will amount to two thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous years, or disbursements in said Street during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Ordered: That the Audi- 191

tor of Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfer of moneys appropriation as per the following statement: Twenty five hundred and one hundred and fifty dollars by transfer of two hundred dollars from Engine Houses and Three hundred and one from the General Fund. Add to General Fund, twelve thousand dollars by transfer from Grammar School Houses. Add to Incidentals Twenty two hundred dollars by transfer of One thousand dollars from Old Claims. Five hundred dollars from Sewer and Drain and from sundry sources from May at East Boston. Add to Police, Twelve hundred dollars by transfer of One thousand dollars from Public Buildings and One hundred dollars from Bridges. Add to Watch, Two thousand dollars by transfer from Grammar School Houses. Add to Salaries, Six thousand dollars by transferring Four thousand dollars from Primary School and Two thousand dollars from Grammar School Houses. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 34 Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Lingey, Durham, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne and Williams. 9 Nays 0.

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Appropriations

Transfers

An invitation from the Direc- See Council.

tor of the "Amos" and "Industrious" to use the same in the year 1854 was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Sewall Packard to Packard
be indemnified for the value of certain stock taken and sold by
the city: was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

An order standing Committee of the
City to whom was referred the petition of William H. Spencer for pay

192. and others that the Water Rates or Rents may be reduced have
March 27. 1864. considered that subject and respectfully report that the petition-
ers have failed to induce us. The int. Committee. 194. With unanim-
man. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence Read
and concurred.

Quincy
School House

An order of the School Committee
that a partition be built in the hall of the Quincy School House was
referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, in concurrence.

Fester
Broadway
Sewer.

On the petition of Eben^r. A. Fester,
Ordered: that the collection of the amount assessed by an order of
this Board upon Ebenezer A. Fester for his proportional part of the cost
of constructing a Common Sewer in Broadway, I. and First streets
be and the same is hereby postponed until an entry shall have
been made into the Common Sewer from his estate.

Superintendent
of Health
County
investigator

Ordered: That a Joint Special
Committee be appointed to investigate charges of official misconduct
on the part of Agnes Smith as Superintendent of Internal Health,
with power to subpoena persons and papers and to report thereon.
Passed in Common Council and Messrs Hinds, Hatch and
Gardner were appointed on said Committee on part of that branch.
Same report concurrence. Read and concurred and Messrs
Williams and Lingley were appointed by this Board.

Chief
Engineer
Fire Dept

Respectfully to inform the Board
recorder of a ballot in the election of a Chief Engineer, the Fire De-
partment when it appeared that James Mann was elected on
the part of his branch, thereby nonconcurring with the same.

mon Council in the election of William Barnicoat. Sent down
for concurrence.

March 27 1854.

Previous to the foregoing election
petition of James W. Stone and 227 others of Jonathan Price
and 126 others in favor of the election of James Quinn were
read. Also petitions of W. H. Cartwright and others, Presidents of va-
rious Insurance Offices of J. H. Ward and others, Agents of sundry
Foreign Insurance Offices of Josiah Knudsen and other real estate
owners in Boston in favor of the election of William Barnicoat,
were read.

Per Dep't
Chief
Engineer

A Lease of certain Wharf property
from 1st of April 1854. was approved by the Board.

Lease.

The Common Council having
concurred with the Board in the election of William Barnicoat
and in the election of Samuel Norwood, was
action came up for concurrence: and the ballots having been
taken and counted it appeared that Samuel Norwood was
elected in concurrence.

Attest.

The Common Council having elec-
ted Benjamin Todd as a Per Diem Assessor thereby non-concur-
ring with the Board in the election of Benjamin Todd, an
action came up for concurrence: and the ballots being taken
and counted it appeared that Benjamin Todd was again
elected in the part of this Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Per Mem
Assessor.

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March 27, 1854.

Alderman

papers

A certificate from the Common Council, stating that that branch had elected Solomon Quarter-
main, William H. Morris, H. Morris, and Clement Willis as Aldermen, thereby non-
concurring in the election of the six persons chosen by this branch,
came up for concurrence. And the ballots being again taken and
counted it appeared that Samuel A. Snodbury, Samuel Johnson,
Theodore Metcalf, John H. Eastburn, Julian C. Mason, and Charles
R. Thayer were elected, thereby non-concurring with the Common
Council in the choice of the six persons first above named. Sent
down for concurrence.

Water Board

Water Board

Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of members of the water-
works Water Board, and the ballots being taken and counted it ap-
peared that Thomas Wetmore, Henry B. Rogers, Adam W. Thayer, Jr.,
John H. Wilkins, Thomas Sprague, William Washburn and Samuel
Hutch were elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concu-
red. April 20th

Library

Library

An order offered by Alderman Wil-
liams, that the Committee on Public Buildings, be and they are
hereby instructed to report the outline of a plan and estimates for
a library building which shall be located on the site now of the
city on Boylston Street, and which shall be commensurate both
in its capacity and design with the intention and wishes of its
noble benefactors. Read and laid on the table.

Police

Ordinance

The Board resumed the con-
sideration of the Ordinance providing for the organization of the
Police Department of the City of Boston, and the following

of Section 46 having been stricken out the Ordinance was passed. Sent down for concurrence.

145.

March 27, 1854.

The Report and order respecting the sale of lands at New Boston which were laid on the table March 20th last, were taken therefrom and the order having been read was passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Public Lands

at New

Boston.

The report and order respecting the sale of lands at New Boston which were laid on the table March 20th last, were taken therefrom and the order having been read was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Public Lands

at New

The Common Council having concurred in all the amendments to the City Charter which were reported by the Board, the original Charter was laid on the table. March 20th last, were taken therefrom and the order having been read was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

City

Charter

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At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the Third day of April, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Washburn

Appropriations

A communication from the Auditor
of accounts stating that additions are required to the appropriations
for the Department - Printing - Primary School Houses - Interest -
Grammar Schools, and Incidentals was referred to the Committee
on Finance in accordance.

Amman.

Kane.

W. H. C.

Nelson.

Gain.

Amman, for damage sustained from a change of the grade in the "Old Road" -
Kane, for damage sustained from a change of the grade in the "Old Road" -
W. H. C., for damage sustained from a change of the grade in the "Old Road" -
Nelson, for damage sustained from a change of the grade in the "Old Road" -
Gain, for damage sustained from a change of the grade in the "Old Road" -
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Bulman

Petition of E. Bulman that his claim
for damages on Church Street may be referred. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Willard.

Truthgate.

Petition of Francis A. Willard & others
that Pembroke Street may be graded and paved & Horatio Truthgate
and others that a portion of Green Street in front of the Church of the
Advent may be macadamized. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Laughton

Petition of Charles H. Laughton and
others that the rules respecting the construction of coal holes may
be repealed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of S. H. Hager and 197
to the Committee on Licenses. Hager.

Petition of J. H. Hager and
others for the extension of Mount Vernon Street. Referred to H. H. Hager.
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William H. Hager
for compensation for a road across his land in Winthrop.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of William H. Hager
and others for abatement of a nuisance in Indover Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of William H. Hager
for abatement of a nuisance in Indover Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of William H. Hager
for abatement of a nuisance in Indover Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of P. H. Williston to be
paid for services rendered to immigrant Swedes. Referred to
the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred April 7th

Petition of Cambridge Railroad
Company for the acceptance of the Act constituting the Act
establishing the shares. Referred to the Committee having
charge of that subject. Sent down for concurrence. Came up
concurred April 7th

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Green.

Petition of Daniel Green for leave
to take water from the Hydrants to water the streets. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains and reported April 7th

Committee

that had.

Order of Notice on petition to the
Legislature by G. F. Allen and others for a Railroad through Broad
way to Boston. Referred to Aldermen Bunker, Drake, Williams

Clark

the Committee

communication was received
from James Clark regarding the application of the Board of
Correction. Accepted and sent down. Came up concurred April 7th

Orange Street

1854

On motion of Alderman Williams
the subject of the state of the Sewer in Orange Street was referred
to the Committee on Internal Sanitation.

Essex

Street.

Sewer.

Agreeably to notice Miss Hastings
and Mr. Drake appeared and objected to the proposed construction
of a common sewer in Essex Street or to the deepening of the same;
after hearing the parties the subject was referred to the Committee
on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Essex

Street.

1854

Sewers

On motion of Alderman Williams
the subject of the proposed construction of a common sewer in
Essex Street and in Cross Street, at East Boston, said subjects were
recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Hastings.

On motion of Alderman Frost the
report on the subject of Hastings &c which was made to this Board
March 27th and recorded on page 102 - was taken from the table & accepted.

On motion of Alderman King 199

on the petition of J. H. King to be paid for land taken from the
Highway which was taken from the land and referred to the Com-
mittee on Streets.

On the petition of Noah Hooks Hooks.

for abatement of an assessment for construction of a drain
in Athens Street to abate a nuisance, the Committee on Internal
Health reported that they had given the subject the consideration
which it deserved and that the same system of drainage was
adopted from said assessment. Read and accepted.

On the notice of intention to Abn.

to alter the line of the street in the line of the street re-
ferred that no action is required respecting the lines of said street
but that the subject of the building be referred to the Committee
on the Fire Department. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

On the notice of intention to Baldwin.

made by Sarah Baldwin on Essex Street the Committee on Streets
reported that no action is necessary respecting the lines of said
street but that the subject of the building be referred to the Com-
mittee on the Fire Department. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor

under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, be and he is
specially directed to prepare the necessary documents in the name of the
Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New York
for the enactment of a law to amend an act in relation to the
city of New York and to amend an act in relation to the city of New York

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April 3, 1854. To be denominated the Fire Department Fund - to be invested per-
manently, the interest of which shall be paid to disabled firemen
of said City or their heirs, in such manner as the Common Coun-
cil may hereafter determine. Passed in Common Council. Came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Assistant

Mayor

A certificate from the Common
Council stating that that branch had elected Solomon Carter, Esq.
James H. Sullivan, Wm. H. Mann, J. M. Merriam, and Clement
Hillis as Assistant Assessors, thereby non-concurring in the elec-
tion of the six persons made by that branch. The ballots being taken and
counted it appeared that Samuel A. Bradbury, Samuel Johnson, Theodore Metcalf, Otis
Clapp, Julian C. Mann, and James H. Neal were elected on part
of this branch - thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in
the election of the six persons made by that branch. Sent down for
concurrence.

Re View

Assessor

A certificate from the Common Coun-
cil stating that that branch had elected Benjamin Todd as a
member, and the ballots being taken and counted, it appeared that Daniel
Henshaw was elected, this branch thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in
the election of Benjamin Todd. Sent down for concurrence.

Chief

Engineer

The Common Council having elected
William Barnicoat as Chief Engineer of the Boston Fire Depart-
ment, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that the whole number of votes
was 8, necessary for a choice & William Barnicoat had 4, James

Quinn 4. There was consequently no choice. After a second bal- 201
lot with the like result, the subject was laid upon the table.

April 3, 1854.

The Common Council having ^{fully} insisted on their former vote respecting Sections 55, 56, and 57 of Charter.
~~The Board of Aldermen, after some discussion, and~~
on motion of Alderman Lunkham, this Board also insisted on its
previous action touching said sections. And then, on motion of
Alderman Odiorne, - Aldermen Frost and Lunkham were appoint-
ed a committee to present the city charter, as given upon the re-
solutions of the committee; the ^{action of his Honor the Mayor upon the} legislation to which it is referred,
with full power to report the same before said commit-
tee. Alderman Odiorne, who was first named, declined serving on
this committee.

The Committee on Ordinances ^{Ballast.}

~~to whom was referred the petition of~~ ^{Alfred A. Buckham and Henry} ~~and Henry~~ ^{Seay}
~~for certain changes in the ordinance governing ballast~~
Have considered the subject, and report, that it appeared before
them in evidence that purchasers of ballast are often defrauded
under the present Ordinance, in consequence of the refusal of
the vendors to have it inspected. The vendors frequently refuse
to sell, when ballast is scarce, unless the purchasers will take it
without inspection, although the purchasers are willing to pay the
fees for inspection. The urgency of the case compels the purchasers
to take ballast upon these terms, and room is left for large fraud.
Such cases of fraud to a considerable amount were proved before
your Committee. It appeared further that the purchasers of bal-
last almost without exception were willing to pay the fees if they
could have it inspected. Your Committee have therefore reported

an Ordinance which requires all ballast, brought by water and sold, to be inspected, and directs that the fees for inspection shall be repaid to the vendors by the vendors. This Ordinance, it is believed, will secure the rights of all interested in the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend its adoption. For the Committee, Charles Hemond. The foregoing Report, together with an Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance concerning the Weighing and marking of Lighters, which passed the Common Council: came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

South Boston

Spands.

The report of the Joint Special Committee on Public Lands, which recommended the sale of said lands at South Boston between First and Fourth and N. & O. streets, and the order appended to said report, which passed this Board March 27th came up from the Common Council referred to the Standing Committee on Public Lands. Read and this Board non-concurred in said reference. Sent down.

Public

Spands.

The Report of the Joint Special Committee on Public Lands, which recommended the sale of the Public Lands at South end on certain conditions, and the order appended thereto which passed this Board March 27th came up from the Common Council referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands. Read and this Board non-concurred in said reference. Sent down.

City

Charter

Ordered: That the Committee on the revision of the City Charter be and they are hereby directed to appear before the Committee of the Legislature upon that subject. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & laid upon the table.

Ordered: That the order which passed this board on the 30th day of January 1854, establishing an assessment for the construction of the Common Sewer in Brookline and it and the same be made void and of no force and effect; and it is also further Ordered: that the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby directed to present a report of the cost and calculation for constructing said Sewer.

Whereas it has been made to appear to the board that a nuisance, source of filth and cause of disease, is found and maintained on the premises and private property of Seth Adams, on 'Hollis Wharf' in Boston, contrary to law, therefore, Ordered: that a notice be served upon the said Adams to remove or discontinue the said nuisance, source of filth and cause of sickness, within twenty four hours from the date of the service of said notice.

On nomination by the Mayor, and appointment by the Board of Aldermen and vicinly: William Neil was appointed an Undertaker for the East; Frederic S. Ingalls was appointed a Constable; John Williams and Levi Cooper were appointed on the Watch.

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company, petition that the Act in addition to an Act establishing their charter may be accepted by the City, and in answer to the subject respectfully report the following order. For the Committee, to wit: Mr. Chairman. Ordered: That the petition be referred to the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor and said Railroad Company be

204. ed March 16 1854, &c and the same is hereby accepted by the
April 3, 1854. City Council of Boston. Read, accepted and the order passed.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 18th

Fifer.

On the petition of Solomon Fifer.

South and Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Mon-
day next at four o'clock, in take into consideration the expedi-
ency of constructing a Common Sewer in South and Lehigh Streets,
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Atkinson.

Pleasant Street.

Ordered: That due notice be given
that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock P. M. take
into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sew-
er in Pleasant Street from Boylston Street to Providence Street
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

New York

Central

Rail Road.

The New York Central Rail Road
Corporation filed a plan and description of the extension of their Road
into the City proper under the First Charter: Reported to. Har-
men Lunham, Drake and Williams.

City

Physician.

The report of the City Physician
for the quarter ending April 1. 1854. was received, read and sent
down. In Common Council placed on file.

Ordered: That the Board accept 203.

and adopt the grade of Perry Street, proposed by the City Engineer; April 2, 1854.
The City Engineer, on the 21st of July, 1854, proposed the grade of Perry Street.
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Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered: That the Committee

on the Fire Department be directed to examine the wooden building now in course of erection on Haver Street near Summer Street, and if said building be found to be a violation of law to take the requisite steps for its removal.

Agreeably to an order passed

this day the Superintendent of Sewers presented to the Board a report of the construction of the sewer in Brookline Street: which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Ordered: That the Committee

on laying out and widening Streets consider and report on the expediency of extending North Charles Street from Cambridge Street to the City Hall.

Ordered: That the Mayor be

authorized to lay out and widen Sea Street, from the City Hall to the Water Works, and the plot which building now used by the Water Works as a Machine Shop and the land of said Richardson containing in the whole according to the survey of the City Engineer the same plot and land now situated at the foot of the City Hall, being part of the consideration for a plot of land containing 20,000 square feet taken by the City of Boston and Richardson to widen Sea Street, in conformity with an order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on the 20th March. Sent down for record.

April 3, 1854.
 Spring-in
 Hospital.

On the notice of intention to
 amend by the Boston Spring in Springfield and the
 Committee on laying out and widening Streets reported that no
 action was necessary respecting the line of said road, but that
 the subject of the grade should be referred to the Committee on
 Paving. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

Tremont
 Street
 lands

Ordered: That the Board of
 Public Land Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized
 to sell at Public Auction such lands on the western side of Tremont
 Street, between Rutland and Camden Streets as they may deem
 expedient and to permit on any other piece of land the erection of
 such wooden buildings, barns, &c. as the said Board shall deem
 satisfactory for such location. Sent down for concurrence.

Public
 Instruction.
 Schools.

Ordered: That the Committee
 on Public Instruction investigate and report if any children
 entitled to the benefit of our Public Schools are unjustly excluded
 therefrom. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 10th

Alger
 and
 bridge.

The Committee on Bridges to
 whom was referred the petition of "Alger" Alger and others that
 be facilitated for crossing the canal and may be increased.
 Report: That they have investigated the subject and from
 all the information they can obtain the time will probably soon
 come when it will be necessary either to build a new bridge
 contiguous to the old or widen the present one they therefore rec-
 ommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee.
 Geo. J. Williams. Ordered: That the Mayor be requested to petition

the General Court to empower the City Government to construct 207
a new, or enlarge the present bridge, so that it may accommodate April 3, 1834
the increased public travel in that direction. Read, accepted and the
order passed.

The Chief of Police reported Police
to the Board the character of the arrests made in his department arrests
during the month of March. Read and placed on file.

The Master of the House of Lunatic
Correction—the Superintendents of the Lunatic Hospital and of the Hospital—
House of Industry reported severally to the Board the character of Houses of
the inmates of their respective institutions for the quarter ending Correction
March 31. Specifying the number who are Americans and the House of Industry
number who are of Foreign Descent. Read and placed on file.

The Superintendent of Health Health
reported to the Board the number of cases of smallpox, measles, and other diseases in the quarter ending in March 31. Read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

J. H. Perry was allowed to exhibit Perry
his views at the Melodeon.

The Committee on the Fire Department
to which was referred the communication of Josiah Hedman
and others in relation to the building on the "Tenno Estate",
reported, having examined the premises and fully considered
the subject, report, that no further action is required in the matter
Read and accepted.

April 2, 1854.

Police

The Chief of Police presented to
he read his report of the doings of his Department for the quarter
ending March 31. read and sent down. in Common Council.
Placed on file.

Spring Lane.

A communication was received
from the Chief of Police stating that a brick building in Spring
Lane is in a dangerous condition, that its walls are liable to fall
into the street &c: read and thereupon it was voted to visit the
premises in order to see the danger.

Adjourned to ten o'clock A.M. tomorrow (Tuesday)

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Tuesday, the Fourth day of April, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dingley and
Duke.

Spring
Lane.

The subject of the brick building in Spring Lane which is dangerous
to the public, was referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs

with full powers to provide for the public safety.

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Scribner

Spring Lane.

A communication from Elbe Scribner the agent for the owners of said building was referred to the same Committee.

Ordered: That Aldermen Dunham and Frost, with the City Solicitor, be a Committee to appear before the General Court or any Committee thereof to protect the interests of the City in the proposed legislation respecting Fort Hill.

Ordered: That the subject of changing the present police force on the Old Colony Road be referred to a Special Committee of this Board. Passed, and Aldermen Williams, Frost, and Dunham were appointed said Committee.

Old Colony

Road.

Ordered: That the Mayor give instructions to the Police to kill all Dogs, after the 7th instant, which may be considered dangerous to the public safety, without regard to any responsibility which may be incurred by the City by such destruction, and that public notice be given to the purport of this order.

Dogs

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the tenth day of April, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Memorial of Albert J. Wright in
relation to Fald Dogs, was read and referred to the Mayor with full
power.

Petition of Donald M. Kay, and
others that the sidewalks in certain streets at East Boston may
be paved - of Richard H. Newton for leave to plant trees in Fourth
Street - of Samuel G. Howe for grade of Fifth Street near Lot N. 39 -
of Joseph H. Jenks and others for the re-numbering
of School Street; of Edwin Elden to be compensated for damage oc-
casioned by the change of grade in N. & Gold Streets - of Amasa Dex-
ter and others that a change be made in the grade of White and
Union Streets: severally were referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Suffolk Gas Company
for leave to give the name of the square of Irving near the High
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas Britten for
leave to move a wooden building from Atkinson Street to Suffolk
Street; of J. C. & N. Brown for leave to close up a portion of Perkins
Street for a few days; of Thomas Crossley and others that Flagstones
be laid across Harrison Avenue near Northampton Street - of C. H. Jones
for leave to move a wooden building from Harrison Avenue -
referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of George H. Gray that 211

the petition of George H. Gray, the Town of Portland, that
may be re-imbursed to him by them who have entered who have
entered said sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. Gray.

Petition of George Bartlett and Bartlett.

that the removal of obstructions to the Sewer and Drains be
referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communication from John M. Bernard.

Removal of obstructions to the Sewer and Drains be
referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John Kayner and Kayner.

to have the width of the Sewer and Drains be
referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Prescott and Cross Prescott

for the extension of the Sewer and Drains. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of William Jones for

leave to water the property at the north end of the City. Referred to
the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Richard Kitch and Kitch

others for abatement of a nuisance in Kensington Street. Referred
to the Committee on Internal Health.

the City of Portland, that the Sewer and Drains be
referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

April 10, 1854. Petition of Samuel Holt for
a deed of a certain lot of land at the South Section of the City. Referred
Holt. to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred April 13th

Jones. Petition of Benjamin Jones for
leave to water Beacon and other streets with Cochituate Water.
Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred.

Spaulding. Petition of Chandler D. Spaulding that
there might be taken from the system of the city waterworks
to sprinkle the streets. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Beals. Petition of William Beals
for the contract to furnish fireworks for the Fourth of July next.
Referred to the Committee on Amusements for the "Fourth" Day.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Bates. Petition of Joseph N. Bates for set-
tlement of a suit now pending between him and the City. Referred
to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred.

Port Physician. The Report of the Port Physician for the
quarter ending March 31. was read and sent down. In Common Council,
Placed on file.

Public Lands. The Report of the Superintendent of Public
Lands for the quarter ending March 31. was read and sent down. In Com-
mon Council, Placed on file.

Engine Co. Petition of Officers and members of En-
gine Company No. 6 for use of the room over their Engine House. Referred.

the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Same
up concurred. 213.

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Petition of Larius Wellington and Wellington.
others for division of a Bond for sale of Arsenal Estate. Referred to
the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Same up con-
curred.

The Bond of Frederick P. Ingalls Constable's
a Constable of the City was approved by the Board. Bond.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be Spoon.
and he is hereby authorized to borrow under direction of the Com- Public Lands
mittee on Finance the sum of six thousand dollars and that the
same be added to the appropriation for Public Lands. Passed in
Common Council - Yeas 39. Nays none. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred - Yeas - The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Wingley,
Lunham, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne, and Williams 8. Nays none.

Whereas, a resolution of the Board of Public Works
of this Board, passed on the 29th day of August 1853, public notice
thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been construct-
ed in Brookline Street the cost of which was four hundred and
forty seven Dollars and eighty cents, one quarter part whereof being
deducted to be paid by the land owners, the sum of thirty five Dollars is to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in
the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sum herein
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and

14. notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid; their tenants or lessees.

April 10. 1854.

Independence.

Ordered: That the Committee on the subject of the appropriate celebration of the approaching anniversary of the Declaration of Independence be requested to consider the expediency of assembling in person by a unanimous vote of the Civic Authorities at Faneuil Hall, a Public Celebration to be served upon the Common for the accommodation of the Teachers and Pupils of the Public Schools of the City of Boston. And also to make suitable arrangements for the accommodation of the Military and Seamen, who participate in the celebration. And also to invite all the members of the Fire Department and Volunteer Militia of Boston to take part in the exercises. This report was taken up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Charter.

The Common Council having taken up the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment of the Charter, ss. 36, 37 of the City Charter, said action came up for concurrence. Read and the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Pleasant
& South
streets
sewers.

No persons appearing to object to the proposed construction of Common Sewers in Pleasant and in South and Ashhigh Streets, said subjects were recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Land:
at South
Boston.

The Common Council having insisted on their former vote respecting the terms of sale of lands at South Boston in accordance with the report of the Joint Special Committee on that subject. said action came up to this Board whereupon this Board insisted upon the passage of the order at:

On the notice of intention to build by Elijah Brigham and others on Eliot Street, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is required respecting the line of said street, but that the subject of the building be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Read and accepted.

Lying in Hospital. On the notice of intention to build by the Lying in Hospital on Springfield and Worcester streets, the Committee on Lying in reported that no action was required in respect to the grade of said streets. Read and accepted.

Intelligence Office. Ebenezer Kenfield was licensed to keep an Intelligence office at No 11 1/2 School Street.

Gram-Spillane. On petition of B. F. Gram, and John Spillane for leave to keep stores for the sale of Second hand clothes in a room in School Street, the Committee on Lying in reported that no action was required. Read and accepted.

Deer Island. Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island confer with the Directors of the House of Industry, with a view of making some arrangements whereby the Superintendent at Deer Island may attend the duty of his office. In answer to a communication from the Committee on Deer Island, dated April 13th 1854.

Barrett. Ordered: That there be paid to Sumner J. Barrett, late Constable of the Watch, one hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents in full compensation for his past salary from March 25 1854. and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Watch Department.

Ordered: That the Old Colony 219.

will and corporation be notified to appear before the Board of Aldermen and Aldermen on Thursday next the 14th instant at three o'clock P.M. then and there to show cause why a new road should be made in the present motive power on said Road within the limits of the City of Boston in accordance with the power vested in this Board by the Acts incorporating said Company.

The Standing Committee on Aldermen -
the Fire Department to which was referred the communication of the Engineers relative to an increase of members of each Engine Company, recommend that each company be increased to forty members each agreeably with the suggestion of the Board of Engineers. For the Committee, George Odiorne, Chairman. Read and accepted. increase of

Ordered: That Main Street from Ann Street North Square to Commercial Street be hereafter known and called North Street. North Street. and that said street be renumbered.

Ordered: That Everett Street in Everett
Main Street be laid out and accepted as a public street, whenever the Street.
East Boston Company shall convey the same by good and sufficient title of the land.

Ordered: That Leves Street in Leves
Main Street be laid out and accepted as a public street, whenever the Street.
East Boston Company shall convey the same by good and sufficient title of the land.

Ordered: That the Committee on Aldermen be and are hereby requested to consider & report
Main Street.

220. upon the expediency of taking up the western sidewalk on Tremont
April 10 1854. Street the length of the Common and replacing the same inside of the
Common.

Public
Buildings.
Supt. Agreeably to assignment the
Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of Public
Buildings, when it appeared that Samuel W. Kollage was elected.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 13.

Public
Lands.
Supt. The ballots having been taken
and counted for Superintendent of Public Lands, it appeared that
Robert W. Hull was chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Chief
Engineer On motion of Aldermen Allen
the subject of an election of a Chief Engineer of the Boston Fire
Department was taken from the table and the ballots being taken
and counted it appeared that the whole number of ballots was
9. Necessary for choice 5. William Barnicoot had 4, James Quinn
4, and Eliza Smith 1. There being no choice the subject was
laid upon the table.

Public
Library. Alderman Williams called up
from the table the order respecting the construction of a Building
for the Public Library, which was laid on the table March 27th
last and he moved the adoption of the same. Alderman Frost moved
to amend said order by inserting at its conclusion "in consultation with the
Board of Trustees," and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon,
they were taken as follows. Yeas, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost,
Luskham, Drake, and Odiorne - 6. Nays, Aldermen Kingsley, Wash-
burn and Williams - 3. So said amendment was adopted. Alder-
man Williams then moved to add to the last amendment "and

Print Standing Committee on the Public Library and the
Views and Ways being required were taken as follows. Yeas, Alder-
men Henry, Butler, and others. Noes, Aldermen
Hidemen, Hien, Holt, Durban, and Drake. To said amend-
ment was referred. The question being decided upon the passage of
the bill. Yeas, Aldermen Henry, Butler, and others. Noes, Aldermen
Hidemen, Hien, Holt, Durban, and Drake. The bill was
thereupon carried. Same of continued.

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That said committee be authorized to construct
to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Essex Street on
the usual conditions.

Returned to Thursday next at 3 O'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Monday the Twentieth day of April A.D. 1854.

Present
The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Herman and
Hastburn.

Resolved, That Charles W. Perkins be
in charge of the collection in the City of the tax and tribute on
Produce and Poultry. Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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Gas Light
Company

Communication from the Gas Light Company in relation to the petition of the Suffolk Gas Company for leave to take up portions of the streets for the purpose of laying down pipes therein. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Newton.

On petition of Richard H. Newton for leave to plant a tree in May Street, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted as prayed for, the petitioner to relay the sidewalk in good order. Read and accepted.

Hedman.

On motion of Aldermen Williams the Board reconsidered the vote whereby they accepted the report that no further action was necessary on the petition of Josiah Hedman for removal of an old wooden building on Washington Street upon the James Estate vacated and the subject was referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Old Colony
Rail Road

Agreeing to assignment the Board took up the subject of a change of motive power on the Old Colony Rail Road. Petition of Gilbert Hall and others for a change of the motive power on the Old Colony Rail Road, was read and placed on file. Francis B. Brownenshield, Esquire, the President of the Old Colony Rail Road, appeared and stated at length some of the principal objections to the change of the motive power on said road after which the subject was laid upon the table.

One million of Philistines living here

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

April 17. 1851. N. Birdman for a Sewer in Sixth Street. Referred to the Committee
Birdman on Sewers and Drains.

Hutchinson

Petition of the Fitchburg Rail

road Company that the line of Haverhill Street near their Depot
Haverhill St. may be defined. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mussey

Petition of B. L. Mussey and others

Chardon Street for the extension of Chardon Street to Market Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

Birney

Petition of John Birney and others

Davis

that gutters may be laid and paved in East Canton Street, of
Charles Davis to be compensated for damage sustained by change
Watts of grade in Lexington Street, of Jacob B. Watts to be compensated
for the change of grade in 1. and Third Streets. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Watch

Petition of the Captain of the Watch

that certain Watch Hooks may be repaired and refurnished. Re-
ferred to the Committee on the Watch. Sent down for con-
currence. Came up concurred April 20.

Turner

Petition of Jacob Turner & others

that the jail fence may be painted some other color than white.
Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

Bell, Thing & Co.

Petition of Bell, Thing & Co. to be re-

munerated for the value of a Dog destroyed by the Police. Referred
to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up
concurred April 20.

The Joint Standing Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of John Timpon and others for certain modifications of the Water Rates have fully considered the subject and report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee to report. Was up for concurrence. Same up concurred April 20th

Gillon.

Horton.

On the notices of intention to build by John Gillon on Hudson Street - James Horton on Mavorick street - the Committee on Streets reported that no action was necessary respecting the lines of these streets but that the subject of the buildings referred to the committee on the Fire Department. Was accepted.

Watch.

Report of the Captain of the Watch for the quarter ending March 31. 1854. was read and placed on file.

Truant

Officers.

Reports of the several Truant Officers for the quarter ending March 31. 1854. were received, read and placed on file.

Timpon

The Joint Standing Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of John Timpon and others for certain modifications of the Water Rates have fully considered the subject and report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee to report. Was up for concurrence. Same up concurred April 20th

Fuller

Accordingly to the report of the Committee on Saving leave was granted to Seth W. Fuller and others of the Board of Health to plant trees after the trees are planted.

On petition of Mrs. Tilden's heirs that the sidewalks in May Street may be laid, the Committee on Paving reported, that the City will cause the edgestones to be set and the gutters laid, whenever the abutters will agree to lay their sidewalks with brick. Read and accepted.

The Directors of the Houses of Industry and Reformation presented to the City Council their annual report of the receipts and disbursements. The number of children not employed, the income of the institution, &c. for the year ending March 31, 1854. Read on the table and ordered to be printed.

On the petition of Richard Kich and others for abatement of a nuisance in Bennington Street, the ten million of National Debt, occurred in the year of the accompanying with. In the year 1854, the Board of Health, in their annual report, stated that the nuisance in Bennington Street, was a nuisance, and that the nuisance was a nuisance, and that the nuisance was a nuisance. Read, accepted and the order passed.

The Board, having inspected the water building in the rear of No. 100 South Street, and finding it to be a nuisance, and used as a steam boiler, or engine shop, and being satisfied that the said building is a nuisance, within the meaning of the Statutes of 1845 and 1847, and of 1849, inasmuch as the dimensions of the said building exceed the limits therein prescribed, therefore, Ordered, that notice be given to the owner of the said building to remove

the same, or to reduce the dimensions thereof within the limits prescribed by law, and that it be done within ten days from the date hereof.

Introducer

Hilton Street.

Ordered: That the subject of the alteration of the building on the corner of Hilton and Bowdoin Streets be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Internal Health, with instructions to cause the corner thereof either to reduce the proposed size of said building, or to make the external walls more secure than they are now. Ordered: That Greenleaf C. Batchelder the owner of the aforesaid building be and he is hereby directed to desist from any further work upon said building except such as may be permitted or allowed by the foregoing Committee, until he has complied with the provisions of the Ordinance concerning Buildings in the City of Boston, and with such directions as said Committee shall judge expedient in the premises.

Incident &

Honorable

Hildrey Co.

Communication from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, tendering to the City Council the unanimous thanks of said Company for the appropriation which was voted to the Company, to furnish their Armory at Faneuil Hall, was read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Watchmen.

On nomination by the Mayor.

Appleton Abbott, Benjamin Bartholford, William W. Kelly, Taylor Mills, Joseph Grace, Washburn Weston, John W. Young, Abraham Whitney, William Cassell, and Thomas A. Jones were appointed on the Watch.

Alderman Dunham offered the following order. Ordered: That the order of this Board passed

April 24th 1854, directing the Mayor to give instructions to the Police 229

to kill all dogs without regard to any responsibility which may April 17, 1854.
be incurred by the City therefrom, &c, and the same is hereby re-
scinded. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the order of Barrett.
this Board authorizing the payment of One hundred and twelve
dollars to the said Barrett for his services as Watchman
and the same is hereby rescinded, the said Barrett having
received full compensation for his services up to the day of his
resignation.

Ordered: That the order of Staler.
the City Council for the payment of the same to the
tax to assess the City of Boston for the quantity of Staler used in the
various public buildings of the City, &c, and the same is hereby
rescinded - the object desired by the passage of said order having
been accomplished. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That School Street School Street
be re-numbered as petitioned for by J. H. Hicks and others; also that
North Street be re-numbered and signs be placed in said street
and the expense for the same be charged to the appropriation
for that purpose.

Ordered: That the Committee on the
the same be referred to the Committee on the
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Ordered: That the sum of Five thousand dollars be
paid to the City of Boston for the purchase of the
same for the use of the City of Boston.

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in acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets.

Prescott & Cross

On petition of Prescott & Cross

Wilmington

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at 10 o'clock A.M. in open session, receive and consider a petition of the said Prescott & Cross, for leave to extend the common sewer in Wilmington Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter said particular drain into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall contribute to the expense thereof. All persons interested therein will then and there be heard.

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Leave was granted to Julius Wilmington to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Pleasant Street, on the usual conditions.

Wilmington

Square.

Whereas, it appears to the Board that a nuisance exists in rear of Nos. 19. and 20. Washington Square caused by an obstructed drain on premises of Charles Ellis, Austin Main, and Charles McIntire, and whereas said parties have been duly notified to abate said nuisance, but have neglected so to do, therefore Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to remove all obstructions from, and otherwise cleanse and repair, said drain, at the expense of the said several parties.

Hayward & Co.

Wilmington

Charles McIntire removed his office of Inspector of Buriall May 10. Read and placed on file.

However, that the City should not pay interest upon the amount of the damage sustained because of the long delay of the City Government that the claim has not been long ago settled. The quantity of land taken has been computed to be 5185 square feet. There was an old building standing on the land, at the time, but it was of small value. A part of this building was removed when the street was opened. The Committee think that the land, at the time of taking, was worth about one dollar per foot; and that the damage to the State and buildings would increase the whole amount of compensation which Mr. Jepson should have received at the time, to the sum of thirty three hundred dollars. The Committee therefore respectfully report the accompanying order.

The Committee Munham & Chairman Ordered: That there be paid to the heirs or representatives of Samuel Jepson, deceased, the sum of Thirty three hundred dollars for land taken to lay out Fremont Street, including the interest in the passage way, together with all injury to buildings, upon their giving to the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets. Read and laid on the table. (See page 291.)

Minister
First Baptist
Church.

Petition of Thomas Richardson

in behalf of the First Baptist Church for an extension of time on their Bond for certain land in Somerset Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

Advertising.

The Common Council having non-concurred with this Branch in the passage of the amendment

proposed to the order respecting the City Advertising whereby the Evening Gazette the Sunday Star and the Daily Dispatch were added to the list of Newspapers to do the City Advertising, said amendment came up for consideration, whereupon the Board receded from its former vote on said amendment and the original order was passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

The order of this Board authorizing the Board of Public Land Commissioners to sell at auction certain lots of land on the western side of Tremont Street near the Public Land Commissioners' factory, having been referred in the Common Council to the Committee on Public Lands, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Memorial of John S. Bigelow & others former members of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands & others of J. Wetherbee others in favor of the election of Stephen Tucker as Superintendent of Public Lands, up for concurrence. Read and placed on file.

A certificate from the Common Council that that Branch had elected Stephen Tucker Superintendent of Public Lands, came up for concurrence, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that Robert W. Hall was elected, this Board thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in choice of Stephen Tucker. Sent down for concurrence.

A certificate from the Common Council that that Branch had elected Benjamin Dodd as a Per Diem Assessor, came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted for a Per Diem Assessor on the part of this Branch, it appeared that Samuel Neal was elected, this Board

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thence non-concurring with the Common Council in the election

April 1st 1854.

Benjamin Todd. Sent down for concurrence.

Chief
Engineer
Fire Dept.

The subject of the election of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department having been taken from the table the Board proceeded to ballot for said officer, when it appeared that James Quinn was elected on the part of this Board, thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the election of William [unclear]. Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that branch had elected Solomon Carter, the Swallow, William M. Mann, J. M. Merriam, and Clement Willis as Assistant Assessors, came up for concurrence. Read & laid upon the table.

Steam Fire
Engine.

The Joint Special Committee on the Fire Department who were authorized to visit Cincinnati to examine the Steam Engine lately introduced into that city, having attended to that duty previous to a lengthy report in print on that subject being city document #36, wherein they unanimously advocated the establishment and introduction of a Steam Engine into the Fire Department of this City - and recommended the passage of the accompanying order - Ordered: That the Joint Special Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to procure the construction of a Steam Fire Engine for the use of the City, of and upon the plan of L. B. Latta Engine Cincinnati, provided, he can do so at about the same price as the engine which was ordered in 1852, and in case said Latta shall not be able to furnish such machine

within a reasonable time the committee are fully authorized to
consider and report upon all such bills and on any other
items as they may deem best for the City. Passed in Common Coun-
cil came up for concurrence. And did concur with the
amendments, at A. Strike out "Nine" and insert "Seven" and
"Eight" at B. Strike out "Nine" and insert "Seven" at C. Strike out
all after as D. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the committee on Public Buildings be requested to examine the iron safes in
the City Hall and see if they are proof against danger from fire
and if not, to take measures to protect and secure them. Sent
down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 20th

A lease of rooms in the Old State House to Henry J. Durant, for the term of three years from
April 1st 1854 for the sum of Three hundred dollars per annum
was approved by the board.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock. M

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at
City Hall on Thursday the Twentieth day of April Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Frost.

First Church.

Remonstrance of the First Church

Chauncy
Place.

against the proposed opening of Chauncy Place as a Public high-
way. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Harden

A communication from the Board

of

Engineers of the Fire Department, respecting two wooden build-
ings on Commercial and Endicott Streets, was referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Jones

The Joint Standing Committee on

Water to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Jones to water
Beacon and other Streets. Report: That the prayer of the peti-
tioner be granted, the work to be done under the direction of and
the rate of charge to be fixed by the Water Board. For the Committee,
George A. Williams. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Cambridge

Civil Road
Company

The Joint Special Committee to which

was referred the petitions of the Cambridge Rail Road Company,
praying that an act to incorporate the "Cambridge Rail Road
Company," passed May 21st 1853; also an act in addition to an
act to incorporate the Cambridge Rail Road Company passed March
31st 1854. may be accepted by the City, having examined said
act and report, and the following order to the Committee
for the same. Ordered: That the act to incorporate

Cambridge Rail Road Company", passed May 24th 1853, and the
Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Cambridge Rail Road
Company" passed March 31st 1854, be and the same are hereby ac-
cepted by the City Council of Boston. Read, accepted and the order
passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 18.

The Committee on laying out
and widening Streets reported to the Board a resolve taking land
from J. M. Beebe on the corner of Hanover and Union Streets,
containing on the whole to be widened and 140 feet square
feet at an expense of \$20,000 - which after some discussion was
recommitted to the committee with instructions to report if some
agreement cannot be made with the owner of the real estate
by which, if one half of the proposed widening be made now,
the remainder may be taken at some future time without extra cost
or damage to the city - and also that the committee report on the
probable cost of continuing said widening through Union Street to
Green Square

On motion of Alderman Dun- Dogs
ham the order to rescind the order directing the Mayor to cause
out Dogs to be killed without regard to any responsibility, which
may be incurred to the City - was taken for the time being
the question of the passing of the order was postponed

The Board then took a recess
until five o'clock P. M. At which hour the Board re-assembled.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Frost and
Dawson.

ed that they had had an interview with Mr. Beebe respecting the same. They had also had a conference with the Board of Aldermen to offer in relation to it - and they accordingly advocated the passage of the original resolution, as follows: - Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York do hereby order that Union Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to James M. Beebe - bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner of the said land, being the northwesterly corner of Hanover and Union Streets; thence running northwesterly, bounded by Union Street, sixty six feet and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a foot; thence southwardly, by the proposed line of widening of Union Street, sixty nine feet and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a foot; and thence northeastwardly, by Hanover Street, nineteen feet and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning, containing six hundred and sixty three square feet, more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herewith annexed, It is therefore Ordered; That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Gilbreath dated April 2^d 1857 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Union Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Twenty thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or improvements in that street upon the present municipality

year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. The Yeas and Nays being required on the passage of said Article were taken as follows - Yeas - The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingee, Washburn, Drake and Williams. 6 Ays - Alderman Gunnison 1 and 2 Ayes being equal. Item taken for its currency. In common Council April 20. Referred a second reading

Resolved that the following be adopted as the

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Commoners of the City of New York, held at the City Hall on Monday the twenty fourth day of April 1854. Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Frost and Washburn.

Petition of E. C. Milliken and others for the extension of Friend Street to Dock Square. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Milliken. Friend Street.

Petition of John J. Chauncey and others for the opening of Chauncey Place as a public thoroughfare. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Chauncey. Place

Resolved that the following be adopted as the

Petition of George W. Fairminter
 April 24, 1834 and others that a Gas Lamp be placed and lighted on corner of
 Fairminter and North Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Clark

Petition of Joseph Clark to be paid
 percent of salary of the Bay State Military. Referred to the
 Committee on Finance.

Kelley

Petition of John Kelley for leave to
 water the Streets with salt water. Referred to the Committee on
 Internal Police.

Todd

Petition of Jacob Todd for abatement
 of a nuisance in Hartford Place. Referred to the Committee on
 Police and Water.

Wheeler

Petition of J. Wheeler and others for
 a common sewer in North Street. Referred to the Committee on
 Sewers and Drains.

Library
 Association

Petition of the Congregational Li-
 brary Association for the use of Town Hall on the 31st day
 next. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of
 this Board.

Shawmut
 Gas Co

Petition of the Shawmut Gas Light
 Company for leave to lay down Gas Pipes in the Streets of the City.
 Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Altham
 Barton

Petition of Sally Altham to be
 paid for damage sustained from change of grade in Church Street,
 of Mary Ann Barton to be compensated for damage occasioned
 by change of grade in Old Harbor Street. Referred to the Commis-
 sioners on Paving.

Remonstrance of Giffen Mills 241.

and others, against the passage of the proposed Ordinance on Licenses. April 24, 1854.

in Second Hand Articles. Referred to the Committee on Mills.

Resolutions sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April

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Remonstrance of Solomon Wildes Wildes

and others, against the re-numbering of the streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Franklin Hy- Franklin

dropping out a piece of the carriage way & road for the

transportation of their Horses. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

In conformity with the order of Delinquent

of March last, the City Treasurer submitted to the Board Tax payers.

a schedule of the persons who have not paid the taxes assessed upon

them during the years 1851, 1852, 1853. Sent upon the table.

Petition of Joseph Shroff and Shroff

others for the use of a School room to be used as a place of meeting

for the "United Church of Christ". Referred to the Committee on

Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred

April 27.

Petition of Henry Shroff for an Shroff

alteration of the street of Union & Franklin streets. Referred to

the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred April 27.

In conformity with the order of the Board of

the Board of the City of New York, the City Treasurer submitted to the Board

a schedule of the persons who have not paid the taxes assessed upon

sink and repair Gas Pipes and conductors in the streets, lanes and highways of the City of Boston be granted, upon condition that in all matters relating to the affairs of said company, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston for the time being are to exercise at all times the power granted to them in the charter of the said
committee on Sewing.

Lexington
Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Lexington Street as far as Walnut Street, said subject was re-committed to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Fire
Department.
Chief
Engineer

A certificate from the Common Council stating that on the 1st of March 1861, Mr. Barnicoat as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, came up for concurrence and the Board having voted to proceed to ballot for said officer the Chair read a letter from Capt. Barnicoat resigning his office as Chief Engineer of the Department, whereupon the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that James Quinn was elected on the part of this Branch, sent down for concurrence.

Tramps
Superintendent
Police.

On nomination by the Chair - Mr. William Barnicoat was appointed Superintendent of Tramps - Frederick A. Galtorn was appointed a Special Police Officer for attendance at Fires - and Stephen Curtis was appointed a Special Police Officer at the Eastern Rail Road Depot.

Superintendent
of the
Police.

A certificate from the Common Council of the City of Boston that James Quinn is Superintendent of

Public Lands; came up for concurrence, and the ballots having
been taken and counted it appeared that Robert W. Hall was
elected on the part of this Board, thereby non-concurring with
the Common Council in the choice of Stephen Tucker. Sent down
for concurrence. Came up concurred April 27. 213
April 24, 1854.

The Joint Standing Committee on Water to which was referred the petition of the Boston
Port Society and others for abatement of Water Tax, Report, that
the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, George
P. Williams. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concur-
rence. Read and concurred. Boston Port Society.

Petition of the Brookline Gas Company, for leave to purchase thirteen hundred "headheads" of
Archie Water. Referred to the Committee on Water in concur-
rence. Brookline Ga. &

The Common Council having non concurred in the order referring the petition of Engine Co. No. 8.
for an alteration of the Fire Ordinance to the committee in Ord
inances, but referring it to the joint Special Committee on the Fire
Department, said action came up for concurrence. Read and
this Board insisted on its former vote. Sent down for concurrence. Fire Ordinance. Engine Co. No. 8.

Petition of Howard Engine Co. No. 7 for certain alterations in the Fire Ordinance. Referred in
Common Council to the joint Special Committee on the Fire
Department. Came up for concurrence. Read and non-concur-
red in said reference, and the same was referred to the Com-
mittee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Howard
Co. No. 7.
Fire Ordinance.

Ordered: That the Committee

April 4, 1854. on Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized to confer

Land with the Board of Public Land Commissioners with reference to amending the Ordinance under which said Commissioners derive their authority in the management and care of the Public Lands. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, a motion to postpone indefinitely having been lost.

Watering
Streets.

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the order concerning watering Streets and carting Snow into them, have considered the matter and report, that in reference to carting Snow into the streets, the ordinance upon that matter is sufficient. Upon the matter of Watering Streets they submit the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, Charles Demond. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Ordinance is recorded in the book kept for that purpose.

Per Diem
Assessor

A certificate from the Common Council of the election of Benjamin Dodd as a Per Diem Assessor came up for concurrence, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Samuel Neal was elected in opposition of this Board thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Ben^g Dodd. Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant
Assessor

On motion of Alderman Odiorne the subject of the election of an Assistant Assessor was taken from the table, the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Simon Fowler was elected in opposition of

C. Clark, Julian O. Mason, and James H. Beal were elected, there- 245.
by non-concurrence with the Common Council in the election of April 21, 1854,
the five persons made by that Branch. Sent down for concurrence.

The Joint Standing Com- First
mittee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Thom- Baptist
as Richardson, for the First Baptist Church and Society in Boston, Church
relative to the extension of the time of payment for land on Som-
erset Street purchased of the City. Report: That they have in-
vestigated the subject and are satisfied that the prayer of the
petitioner may be granted without detriment to the City. They
therefore recommend the passage of the following order. For the
Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the time of pay-
ment for land on Somerset Street purchased of the City by the
First Baptist Church and Society in Boston be extended one
year, and that the City Clerk be directed to send a copy of this
order to the parties interested. Read in Common Council. Came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council richardson
having non-concurred in the passage of the order of this Board Sea Street.
on the 3^d instant, respecting a deed of a lot of land to Thomas
Richardson on Sea Street, this Board insisted on its former vote
touching said order. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Joint Spe- Faneuil
cial Committee to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Ad- Hall
dress as relates to Faneuil Hall Market be and they hereby are Market.
directed to report forthwith the result of their deliberations on the
said subject. Read in Common Council. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred.

April 24, 1854.

Second
hand
articles

whom was referred the order concerning Second hand articles and Junk Shops have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the good order of the City requires that the price of a license be changed from one dollar to fifty. They find that in other respects, by the present laws, the Mayor and Aldermen have sufficient control over the keepers of such shops. They recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. In the Committee, Charles Leonard. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Ordinance is recorded in the book kept for that purpose.

The Librarian

unrepaired

Ordered: That the Auditor

of accounts be and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfers of appropriations, viz: Add to Fire Department five hundred dollars by transfer from Lamps. Add to Printing six hundred dollars by transfer from Public Buildings. Add to Grammar School sixteen hundred dollars by transfer of sixteen hundred dollars from Gas fixtures and five hundred from Military Bounty. Add to Incidental Expenses, fifteen hundred, by transfer of one thousand and one hundred from Police, three hundred from Burial Grounds and one hundred from Lunatic Hospital. Add to Market two hundred and five dollars by transfer from Bridges. Add to Primary School Houses thirty three hundred dollars by transfer of twenty eight hundred from Primary Schools and five hundred from Unliquidated claims. Add to interest, twenty two thousand dollars, by transfer of eleven thousand from Grammar School Houses, four thousand from House of Industry, fifteen hundred from Interest on Debt, fifteen hundred from Salaries, five thousand from Widening Streets and One thousand from the Watch.

And it is further ordered, that the Auditor be authorized to make such other transfers as may be found necessary to close up the business of the financial year, which ends with the 30th instant. In Common Council. Passed. Thos 42. May 6 Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yass. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingley, Munham, Luke, Odierne and Williams. J. May, none.

The Joint Special Committee on Appropriations which was referred the Auditor's Estimates for the financial year 1854-55. presented the following Report - viz: The Committee having carefully considered the Auditor's Estimates of the amount required for the expenditures for the ensuing financial year, and of the ways and means of meeting the same, beg leave to submit the following Report and accompanying Orders. To the expenditures, they have added an item which is usually provided for by the Auditor, but which did not reach him this year in time to be incorporated in his report. This item is an appropriation for additional Primary School Houses, which your Committee have fixed at 25,200 instead of 75,200, which was the amount asked for by the Committee on Primary School Houses, as will be seen by their written application, appended to this Report.

For a new Grammar School House, at East Boston, they add, 410,000
 To the same they have added 1000
 To Bridges, 2,000
 To the Water Works, 1,500
 To Burial Grounds, 1,000

The Committee propose the following reductions, viz:

from the appropriation for the Common, 3000

Difference 69,100

to which is to be added the item to the credit of the Common, in the estimate of Income, which your Committee have reason to believe will not be realized, viz: 3,000

The Auditor is also satisfied, upon further investigation, that the sum of \$2,500 should be deducted from the Estimated Income from the Internal Health Department, say 2,500

These changes result in a net addition to the

Auditor's Estimates of \$ 714,600

In relation to new Primary School Houses the Committee have reduced the amount asked for by the Primary School Board from \$12,000 to \$12,000 as their advice that the present want of accommodations for the Primary Schools can be supplied by the erection of two new houses, and the enlargement of the one on Charter Street reported to the Finance Committee. They therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$12,000 be made for building a new house on Tyler Street for which the land is already purchased and the same amount be granted for a new house in District No. 2, in East Boston, and \$1,200 for enlarging the house in Charter Street. The necessity for larger accommodation for the Grammar Schools, at East Boston, being apparent, your Committee have, on the application of the Grammar School Board received since the Auditor's estimates were made up, added \$40,000 for the purpose of building a new Grammar School House in that section of the City. In regard to the Grammar Schools, it will be observed that the appropriations asked for are largely in excess

of last year. A portion of this sum is wanted for the enhanced salaries of the teachers, which are in the aggregate upwards of \$19,000 more than those of the last year. A strong disposition was entertained in the Committee to reduce the appropriation, but it was thought best, on further reflection, to do nothing to embarrass the action of the School Committee lest the interests of our Public School might be injured. We would, however, most respectfully ask of the School Committee to review their action in regard to this advance on the teachers' salaries, particularly as it is understood to be a gratuitous liberality on their part, and as this Committee believe the first talent in New England can readily be secured for the sums previously paid for such services. If we continue thus to increase our expenditures for schools, will not our citizens soon inquire whether they are not paying too much for the support of these institutions, notwithstanding they are the proudest of which we can boast? The Water Works it will be seen, require this year \$140,000 to meet the deficiency between the cost of carrying on and extending the Works, & paying the interest on the water debt. In view of the present state of water rates, in connection with the natural increase of water takers, it is hoped will, ere long, present future deficiencies in a more satisfactory light. Your Committee feel persuaded that the appropriations now fixed upon are liberal; and that they ought to be found abundantly sufficient for all the ordinary expenditures of the ensuing year, and that, with proper economy and foresight on the part of the various disbursing Committees, we shall not be called upon by the Auditor, before the close of the year for additional appropriations. It would be borne in mind that additional appropriations almost invariably involve the necessity

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250 for a loan, and consequent increase of the city debt. The seventh

April 24. 1854 and eighth of the Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council, kept in view by the accountable Committees will, no doubt, be attended with the desired result, and this Committee would most respectfully recommend a strict adherence to the same. The amount now required to meet the expenditures, will no doubt cause an increase in the rate of taxation, but this the Committee think should be considered less objectionable, in this season of general prosperity, than an increase of city debt. The Committee recommend to the City Council, that they should be the Committee, J. V. L. Smith, Chairman. In order relating to the Specific Appropriations for the Financial Year 1854-55. It is hereby ordered by the City Council, That to defray the Expenditures of the City of Boston, and the County of Suffolk, for the financial year which will commence with the first day of May 1854, and end with the last day of April, 1855, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby respectively appropriated for the objects and purposes as explained in the Auditor's Estimates, hereto annexed: that is to say-

Innucities - Four hundred dollars,	400
Advertising and Newspapers - Forty two hundred dollars,	4,200
Armories - Seven thousand dollars,	7,000
Bells and Clocks - Fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500
Burial Grounds - Three thousand dollars,	3,000
Bridges - Fourteen thousand dollars,	14,000
Boston Harbor - Two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500
County of Suffolk - One Hundred and thirty thousand dollars	130,000
Common re., - Thirty three thousand dollars,	33,000
City Debt - Sixty thousand dollars,	60,000

External Health Department - Four thousand dollars,	4,000	251.
Engine, Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage Hoses - } Two thousand dollars,	2,000	April 24, 1854.
Fire Department - Eighty seven thousand five hundred dollars,	87,500	
Gas Fixtures - Twenty thousand dollars -	20,000	
House of Correction - Forty two thousand & five hundred dollars,	42,500	
Houses of Industry, Reformation and Deer Island Hospital - } Ninety thousand dollars,	90,000	
Internal Health Department - One hundred and five thousand dollars }	105,000	
Interest - One hundred and twenty five thousand dollars,	125,000	
Incidental Expenses - Forty five thousand dollars,	45,000	
Johnson School House, Rebuilding - Forty thousand dollars,	40,000	
Lamps - Ninety five thousand dollars,	95,000	
Lunatic Hospital - Twenty six thousand dollars,	26,000	
Market House - Three thousand five hundred dollars,	3,500	
Militia Bounty - Eighteen thousand dollars,	18,000	
Overseers of the Poor - Thirty thousand dollars,	30,000	
Old Claims - Five thousand dollars,	5,000	
Paving, Grading and Repairing of Streets, One hundred and ninety five thousand dollars. }	195,000	
Police - Fifty four thousand dollars	54,000	
Public Buildings - Seventy five hundred dollars,	7,500	
Printers - Eighteen hundred dollars,	1,800	
Public Library - Seven thousand dollars,	7,000	
Reserved Fund - Thirty thousand dollars,	30,000	
Schools, &c.		
Wholesale and Retail Trade Department		
Instructions,	19	

Salary of Superintendent,	2,500	
April 24, 1854, Salary of Secretary of Grammar School Committee,	500	
Incidental Expenses, and ordinary Repairs		
on Houses,	38,000	
One New House at South Boston,	40,000	
One New House at East Boston,	40,000	
and alterations and repairs,	<u>50,000</u>	175,000
Primary School Department:		
Instructors,	75,000	
Incidental Expenses,	22,000	
New Houses	<u>25,200</u>	<u>122,200</u>
		397,200
Sewers and Drains - Thirty three thousand dollars,		33,000
Salaries - Eighty thousand dollars,		80,000
Unliquidated Street Claims - Fifty thousand dollars,		50,000
Widening and Extending Streets - One hundred thousand dollars,		100,000
Police Department - Ninety three thousand dollars,		93,000
Water Works - Three hundred and sixty one thousand dollars		<u>361,000</u>

7,216,200

Say Two Million four hundred and ten thousand three hundred dollars. - And it is further ordered, that no expenditure of money for any purpose not contemplated in the present appropriation bill, or which may not be fairly considered as provided for in some one of its specific appropriations, shall be allowed until special provision is made therefor by a vote of the City Council; - provided however, that any sums of money which may be subscribed, or contributed by individuals, to promote the object of any of the foregoing appropriations, and which form no part of the estimated income of the City, shall be strictly applied, according to the intention of the contributors, and shall be credited to said appropriation.

tion accordingly. - From the amount appropriated by the preceding 253.

Order, viz:-

\$ 2,410,500

April 24, 1854.

Deduct amount of Income, as per

Auditor's Estimate, viz: 573,500

Less- Item to the Credit

of the Common. 3000

Reduction on Internal

Health Department, 2,500 5,500 568,000

Leaves the amount to be raised by Taxation, \$ 1,842,300

To raise this sum, will, in the opinion of the Auditor

require a Gross Tax of 1,968,000

From which deduct for abatements, losses and allowance for the amount which will remain uncollected at the close of the year, say,

115,700

We have the balance required, viz:

\$ 1,842,300

Passed in Common Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the exception of the item for the support of the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island which was laid upon the table.

An Order laying a Tax to de- Tax.
pay the expenses of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk in the Financial year which will commence with the first day of May, 1854, and end with the last day of April, 1855.

Ordered, That the sum of One Million nine hundred and fifty eight thousand Dollars be raised on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this City, according to law to pay the current expenses of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk during the Financial year which will commence with the first day of May, 1854, and end with the last day of April, 1855. Passed in Common Council.

254. Came up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

April 24, 1854.

City
Solicitor.

An order declaring it to be the duty of the City Solicitor to attend any Committee of the General Court or of either branch thereof charged with any subject involving the interests of the City or the Harbor of Boston, and from which these interests may suffer detriment and to report thereon to the City Council, and ask for instructions. Passed in Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Steam Fire
Engine

The Common Council having concurred in the second amendment proposed by this Board to the order for the purchase of the Steam Fire Engine at Cincinnati, and having non-concurred in the first and third amendments, said action came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Jones

The Common Council having non concurred in the acceptance of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Water, whereby leave was given to Benjamin Jones to water Beacon and other streets with highitude Water at prices to be fixed by the Water Board - this Board laid the subject upon the table.

Dogs.

An order that the Mayor direct the Chief of Police to prosecute all parties guilty of a violation of the 39th section of the 126th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, was read and referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Auctioneer.

David Hall was appointed an Auctioneer of the City at N. 5. Market Square.

of Nathl. Shaw Ordered: That the order of this Board passed August 15, 1853, to pay Nathl. Shaw's heirs the sum of One thousand dollars for damages sustained by change of grade in Old Harbor Street, be and the same is hereby annulled - said heirs having recovered judgement against the City for \$174.03 which has been paid therefor. April 24, 1854.

The Joint Special Committee who Salaries.

were directed to report what salaries should be paid to the various City and County Officers for the year 1854-55, have considered that subject and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee. B. L. Allen, Chairman. An Order, establishing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Boston, and County of Suffolk, for the year 1854-55. Ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, in City Council assembled, as follows: The Salaries of the several City and County Officers, for the year beginning on the first day of January in the second eight hundred and fifty four and ending on the thirty first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, shall be as herein mentioned, to be paid quarter-yearly, unless herein otherwise ordered. Sect. 1. The Salary of the Mayor shall be at the rate of Four thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 2. The Salary of the City Treasurer shall be at the rate of Three Thousand dollars per annum, for performing the duties of City and County Treasurer and Collector, and also shall be allowed him the sum of thirty eight hundred dollars per annum, to be paid his clerk; and he shall be allowed the further sum of One hundred dollars to be paid a clerk, for services for the care of the Water Accounts; and he shall account for all fees, moneys, and commissions

which is still open in said capacity. Sect. 3. The salary of the
April 24, 1851. City Engineer shall be at the rate of Twenty eight hundred dollars
per annum. The salary of the Assistant Engineer shall be at the
rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 4. The salary of the
City Solicitor shall be at the rate of Twenty-six hundred dollars
per annum, and he shall be allowed the sum of Two hundred
dollars per annum for clerk hire. Sect. 5. The salary of the Au-
ditor of Accounts shall be at the rate of Twenty five hundred
dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed the sum of Nine
hundred dollars per annum to pay for a permanent clerk; and
he shall account for all sums of money received by him in
the said capacity. Sect. 6. The salary of the City Clerk shall be at
the rate of Ten thousand dollars per annum; and he shall be
allowed the further sum of Twenty five hundred dollars for the
payment of his assistant clerks, (one of whom shall be requir-
ed to prepare the annual voting lists;) and he shall account
for all fees for recording mortgages of personal property and
for all the sums of money received in his official capacity.
Sect. 7. The salary of the Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic
Hospital shall be at the rate of Fifteen hundred dollars per an-
num, and he shall be allowed sufficient house room, free of rent,
and board for himself and family in said Hospital, which com-
pensation and privileges shall be in full for his services as Su-
perintendent of said Hospital, and also as Physician to all the
Public Institutions at South Boston. Sect. 8. The salary of the Mas-
ter of the House of Correction shall be at the rate of Twelve hund-
red dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house
room in said building, free of rent, and board for himself and
family, but no other fees or perquisites shall be allowed him. The

salary of the Clerk of the Board of Overseers of the House of Correction shall be at the rate of Eight hundred dollars per annum. April 24, 1854.
Sect. 9. The salary of the Port Physician shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house room, free of rent, and board for himself and family, but no other fees or perquisites shall be allowed him. Sect. 10. The salary of the Chief of Police shall be at the rate of Nineteen hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the First Police Deputy shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the Second Police Deputy shall be at the rate of Eight hundred dollars per annum. (Sect. 11. stricken out.) Sect. 12. The salary of each of the Justices of the Police Court shall be at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 13. The salary of the Clerk of the Police Court shall be at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 14. The salary of the First Assistant Clerk of the Police Court, shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 15. The salary of the Second Assistant Clerk of the Police Court, shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 16. The salary of the Superintendent of Common Sewers shall be at the rate of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sect. 17. The salary of the Superintendent of Streets shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sect. 18. The salary of the Water Registrar shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 19. The salary of each of the Assessors shall be at the rate of fourteen hundred dollars per annum, including the allowance provided for by the Revised Statutes of the Commonwealth; and there shall be allowed this department, the further sum of thirty two hundred dollars, to be paid for clerk hire. The Assistant Assessors shall be allowed three

Dollars for each and every day which they shall severally
 order that they have directed to be paid. Sect. 20. The salary
 of the Superintendent of Public Buildings shall be at the rate of
 Thirteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sect. 21. The salary
 of the Superintendent of Public Lands shall be at the rate of
 Twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 22. The salary of the
 Superintendent of Health, shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred
 dollars per annum. And the salary of his Assistant Seven hun-
 dred and twenty dollars per annum. Sect. 23. The salary of the
 City Registrar shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred dollars
 per annum; and he shall be allowed Seven hundred dollars per
 annum to be paid a permanent clerk; and he shall account to
 the City for all fees received for issuing and publishing certifi-
 cates of marriages and for interments of the dead, and for his As-
 sistant Registrars, he shall be paid a sum not exceeding ten
 cents for information concerning each birth which may be ob-
 tained and received, and he shall be allowed One hundred
 and fifty dollars for extra clerk hire. Sect. 24. The salary of the
 Superintendent of the Municipal Market shall be at the rate
 of Twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he shall account
 for all sums of money received by him in his official capacity.
 The salary of the Deputy Superintendent shall be at the rate
 of Eight hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 25. The salary of the
 Clerk of the Common Council shall be at the rate of Twelve
 hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 26. The salary of the City
 Engineer of the Fire Department shall be at the rate of Twelve
 hundred dollars per annum. But the salary of the Engineer
 shall be at the rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.
 That of the Secretary of the Board of Engineers shall be at the

rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, which shall be in full ²⁵⁷
payment for all services that may be required of him by the ^{City of Boston,}
Mayor and Aldermen, Landing Engineer and the Board of Engi-
neers. The Foremen of the respective Engine, Hose, and Hook
and Ladder Companies shall be paid at the rate of One Hun-
dred and fifty dollars each, per annum, except the Foremen of
the several East Boston Companies, who shall receive at
the rate of Seventy five dollars per annum. The Assistant Fore-
men and Clerks of the said Companies shall be paid at the rate
of One hundred and twenty five dollars per annum, each, ex-
cept the Assistant Foremen and Clerks of the several East Boston
Companies who shall be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars each
per annum. The Stewards of the said Companies shall be
paid at the rate of One hundred and twenty five dollars, each,
per annum, except the several Stewards of the East Boston Com-
panies, who shall be paid at the rate of Sixty dollars per an-
num, and all other members of said Companies shall be paid
at the rate of One hundred dollars each, per annum, except
~~the members of the several Companies who shall be paid at the rate of~~
be paid at the rate of Fifty dollars each, per annum. All the
salaries above-named, except those of the Chief Engineer, and
the Secretary of the Board of Engineers, shall be paid semi-
annually. Sect. 27. The salary of the Harbor Master shall be at
the rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he shall
be allowed the sum of Seven hundred and thirty dollars to be
paid to two boatmen, and the further sum of One hundred and
fifty dollars for rent of office and boat house. Sect. 28. The salary
of the Librarian of the Public Library shall be at the rate of One
thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 29. The salary of the City

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~~annum~~. Sect. 30. The salary of the ~~Mayor~~ of the City Council
shall be at the rate of One thousand dollars per annum, in-
cluding ~~the~~ ~~salary~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Mayor~~, ~~the~~ ~~salary~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Assistant~~
Messenger shall be at the rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars
per annum. Sect. 31. The salary of the Superintendent of the
North Tree Bridge shall be at the rate of Nine hundred dol-
lars per annum, and he shall be allowed the shop on said
bridge, rent free; the said compensation and privileges to be in
full for his services and for the services of such assistants as he
may employ. Sect. 32. The salary of each of the Officers appoint-
ed by the Mayor and Aldermen to take charge of Truant and
Vagrant Children, shall be at the rate of Eight hundred dollars
per annum. Sect. 33. There shall be paid to a Clerk (to be elect-
ed by the City Council,) who shall act as Secretary to any and
all Joint Standing and Special Committees of the City Council
when requested to do so, and perform such clerical duties as may be
required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen, at the rate of Seven
hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 34. There shall be paid to a Por-
ter, whose duty it shall be to make all the fires, and do all the
cleaning necessary in the City Hall, the sum of Seven hundred
dollars per annum. And there shall be paid to a Porter, whose
duty it shall be to make all the fires and do all the cleaning
necessary in the City Building (so called) the sum of Two hun-
dred dollars per annum, the whole to be paid to the satisfaction of
the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Sect. 35. The salary
of the Superintendent of the South Tree Bridge shall be at the rate
of Four hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed
the use of the House and Shop on the said Bridge, free of rent.

The same compensation and privilege to be in full for the services 201.
 of himself and assistants. Sect. 36. The salary of the Superintendent of the East River and Greenidge Street is at the rate
 of Two hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 37. The salary of the
 Superintendent of Kanevil Hall shall be at the rate of Two
 hundred dollars per annum. Ordered, That whenever any
 city officer shall become payable for his salary, or any part
 thereof, it shall be the duty of the Auditor and City Treasurer, to
 deduct therefrom any and all sums due from such officer to the
 city, as may be ordered by the Council. Some of the amounts read
 and put on the table.

Ordered: That the Mayor, New York
 do cause to be taken up at the point or points where
 all where the New York Central Railroad Company are
 storing piles for the location of their said road and that the
 expense thereof be charged to said Railroad Company.
 Central
 Railroad.
 Fore Point
 Railroad.

Ordered: That the Committee Washington
 on laying out and widening Streets consider and report upon the
 expediency of extending Washington Street northward to the
 street.
 Street.

The Special Committee to which Court House
 was referred the order adopted 18th in relation to the amount of
 compensation received by the Superintendent of the Court House, re-
 port that the said officer in addition to his salary of \$700 per annum
 receives \$2 per day from the Supreme Court and \$100 of Commission
 that said fee are in addition to his salary, which amounts to
 \$700 additional. To the Committee do, Volume, Enclosure, read
 and approved.

April 24, 1854.

Watch &

was referred the order adopted April 17th in relation to the organization of the Police and Watch Departments, having considered the subject, beg to submit the following Report: To give the greatest efficiency to these departments, your Committee believe it is important —

1st That the men employed in the watch and police be under the management and control of one officer. 2^d That the men employed as Policemen and Watchmen should be required to give their whole time to the duties of their office, and not engage in any other occupation. 3^d That there should, at all times, be a Watch or Police force on duty throughout the city. 4th That the city should be divided into districts and to each district a Police and Watch force appointed to be under the charge of an officer to be styled Captain of Police, who shall be assisted by two officers to be styled Lieutenants of Police.

In view of these principles the Committee recommend that the Department be organized as follows, viz: The Chief of Police shall be appointed Captain of the Watch the "Night Chief" of Police shall be appointed Assistant to the Captain of the Watch. Both of these officers shall be appointed by the Board of Police and be on duty throughout the year.

Fourteen Policemen shall be selected to act as Lieutenants of Police; one Policeman shall be selected to act as Captain of the Watch and be appointed head of the Watch; and besides their pay as Policemen, each Captain of the Watch shall receive a further sum of money as salary. He of the Watch. In addition to the aforementioned officers, there shall be a force of men, the force of men shall be divided among the districts according to the necessities of each, and be on duty during the day from 7 o'clock, A.M.

to 5 o'clock, P.M.; ten Policemen shall be appointed as Harbor Police 202.
and be under the direction of the Captain of the Harbor Police, April 24, 1854.
and make their regular reports to him. There shall also be ap-
pointed one hundred and fifty Watchmen, who shall likewise
have a warrant as Policemen. The Watchmen shall be appor-
tioned to the several districts according to the necessities of each,
seventy five to go on duty at 5 o'clock, P.M. and continue on duty
until 12 o'clock midnight; seventy five to go on duty at 12 o'clock
midnight and continue on duty until 7 o'clock, A.M. The Watch-
men shall be liable to be called upon to do Police duty at any
time in cases of emergency, attend Court as witnesses and shall re-
ceive the same compensation for their services as that paid the
Police. The Police and Watch of each district shall make their
regular reports to the Captain of their district, and the Captain of
each district, also the Captain of Harbor Police, shall report daily
to the Chief of Police. The plan for districts shall be only, let us
districts for the Police and Watch in carrying out the system herein
suggested. In each district there shall be appointed a building, nat-
urally filled up as a Watch House, and also to serve as Head Quar-
ters for the Police and Watch of the district. Either the Captain or
one of his Lieutenants shall be on duty at all times, day or night,
at the Head Quarters of the district to hear complaints and to
render assistance when required. The Head Quarters of the Harbor
Police shall be in the building provided for the Police and Watch,
in the district most convenient for such a purpose. Your Committee
believe that by appointing those Policemen who serve as Captains and
Lieutenants in the various districts, Constables of the Watch, we give
them increased power highly important in view of the fact, that
there are liable to be on duty at any time in the district, day or night.

2614. and by this arrangement we may allow them such further
April 24, 1854. compensation for their services, beyond what would be due to them
as Policemen, as the responsible nature of their office would seem
to require. If we employ the force, the expenses of the Police and
Watch Departments would be increased about \$20,000 per annum,
but we should have, on the Watch, men, who having no other
business, would give their time and attention to their duties as
Watchmen and make a business of this. Now, we have no Watch
or Police on duty between the hours of 3 A.M. and 7 A.M. If a
force were employed under the present arrangement to serve during
this time, the annual expenses would be increased about \$40,000.
The Committee think it is highly important that the City should be
duly guarded, during these early morning hours, and if this is ac-
complished under the arrangement herein suggested, the extra amount
required to meet the expenses of the Department could not be expended
in a more economical or beneficial manner. They therefore recom-
mend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Geo.
C. Adams, Chairman: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized
to organize the Police and Watch Departments upon the plan sug-
gested by this Report. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Liquor
Managers
Agreeably to the report of the Com-
mittee on Licenses: John T. Townsend 66 1/2 W. 4th St. Geo. W. Van
Hellen 66 Prince Street - Luther Teller & Son C. Street corner 5th Street -
William E. French, Essex near South Street - John T. Heard, Ivers Street -
Henry Howland, Indiana Street - Tull Brothers, 50 Menimac Street -
J. Tull 86 1/2 corner Adams & Ivers Streets - were re-appointed Man-
agers of Spirituous Liquors under the 6th section of the 2nd chap-
ter of the Statutes of 1852, for one year from the first day of May next.

Ordered: That the orders 265

passed May 10th 1833 for widening of 4th Street between 4th and 5th Streets, and for laying the sidewalks in the said portion of 4th Street, be and the same hereby are rescinded. 4th Street.

Petition of William Ropes & others Ropes

that Union Street be widened at corner of Hanover Street; was Union Street.
read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

Alderman Dunham offered the Beebe

following Article for the widening of Union Street at corner of Hanover Street. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Union Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to James M. Beebe bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner of the said land, being the northwesterly corner of Hanover and Union Streets; thence running northwesterly, bounded by Union Street, sixty six feet and $\frac{45}{100}$ of a foot; thence southwardly, by the proposed line of widening of Union Street, sixty seven feet and $\frac{42}{100}$ of a foot; and thence northeastwardly, by Hanover Street, eleven feet and $\frac{7}{100}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing three hundred and eighty seven square feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a square foot more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City—according to a plan of the said widening made by E. L. Chebrough

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April 24, 1854 dated April 20th 1854 with additions of this date in blue, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And the Board of the subject, that the sum of \$10,000,000 within the said street should be expended at an amount to be in thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal war, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. The following of the following Board and Order to the Board and being required were taken as follows: Yes, Aldermen Durham, Drake and Odierne. 2. Nay, The Mayor, Aldermen Dingley, and Williams. 3. To said Resolve and Order were rejected - Alderman Allen, who was present at the commencement of the session, was absent when the above vote was taken. (April 26. Reconsidered and passed as on page 274.)

State Paupers.
Lunatics.

Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island be and they hereby are directed to confer with the State Authorities, and to endeavor to obtain permission to send a portion of the Insane State Paupers now at the Boston Lunatic Hospital, to the Insane Asylum at Worcester, and then for enclosure. Came up for record April 27th

Gaut.

Ordered: That there be paid to

John R. [unclear] the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for the same as ordered by the Board of the subject, that upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered: That the Committee 267

on External Health in connection with the Directors of the Houses April 24, 1854.
Report: That the Committee have been directed to confer with the Legislative Committee on Claims, and to claim, if possible, the allowance of the claim of the City of Boston upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the cost of State Purges of Ship Fever during the last three years. Ship Fever Tempers.

Ordered: That the Water Regis- Water to
trar under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, and be

hereby directed to assess all parties and corporations who now use, or who, by permission of the City Council, may hereafter use the Goodwin Water, without the limits of the City, such price being as shall bear a proper proportion to the whole annual cost of interest and expense incurred by the City for said Water and Water Works. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 27th

The Joint Standing Committee Hoffman
on Printing to which was referred the petition of J. H. Hoffman, editor of a German Newspaper, asking for a share of the City and advertising, Report: That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Geo. Odierne, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 27.

The Committee on the Fire Depart- Have Street
ment to which was referred the order adopted April 26th in relation to a wooden building on Have Street near Summer Street, Report: building.
That instructions were given to the Engineers of the Fire Department to notify the parties in interest, to so alter their building as that it should conform to the requirements of the Ordinance of

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the City relating to wooden buildings, and the parties upon receiving notice agreed to make the alterations accordingly. For the Committee, Geo. Odierne, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Brigham.

Hooten.

Cotton.

The Committee on the Fire Department to which was referred the communication of Elisha Brigham and others - James Hooten - John Cotton - notifying this Board of their intention to build, in various places - Report: That notice has been given to each of the parties, requiring them to prove them- selves by the regulations and provisions of the ordinance relating to the erection of wooden buildings, and the engineers of the Fire Department have been instructed to see that these regulations be attended to. For the Committee, Geo. Odierne, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Seavill.

The majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Claims to whom was referred the claim of Thomas Seavill, for services rendered as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in the year 1845, together with the draft of an order respecting the same, respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the subject, and have examined the records of the City relating thereto, and are decidedly of the opinion that Mr. Seavill is not entitled to compensation for the services in question. It appears that Thomas A. Davis received his salary as Mayor, in the year 1845, from February 27 to October 1. Again Mr. Davis was chosen and qualified, there being no Mayor, William Parker served as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and received pay therefor, from January 6 to February 27. Mr. Davis, before the expiration of his term of office, became unable to perform the duties, by reason of sickness, and the Council voted to elect him as Chairman of the Board.

of Aldermen, from October 1. to December 11. Afterwards, Josiah Quincy, 269.
having been chosen Mayor, entered upon the duties of the office and received pay as Mayor, from December 11 to the end of the year. The
reason why we think Mr. Leavitt is not entitled to compensation,
is this. It was the wish of a majority of the City Government, as
expressed by their votes, and undoubtedly the wish of a majority
of the citizens of Boston, upon the disability of the Mayor, Mr. Davis,
that a new Mayor should be chosen in the manner provided
by the City Charter, by a Convention of the two branches of the City
Council, and such was evidently the only proper course to be pursued.
It was the opposition of Mr. Leavitt alone, together with his
vote, which prevented any such choice of Mayor, and thereby
kept himself in office as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.
If he had voted in favor of going into convention for the choice
of Mayor, or if he had not voted at all upon that question, the
measure would have prevailed, and a choice would undoubtedly
have been effected. This appears clearly from an examination of
the records. It is true that there was a meeting in the
office of Mayor, by reason of the inability of Mr. Davis to discharge the
duties of the office, and that a resolution was passed for the
choice of a Mayor pro tempore, and fixing the 16th of October for
the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and the 18th of October
for concurrence in the Board of Aldermen, on the 18th of October.
There were eight members of the board. The yeas and nays were
as follows: Yeas, 4. The nays were Aldermen
Ape, Hathaway, Reed and Savage, 4. The yeas were Aldermen
Leavitt, Shipley, Perkins and Ayer, 4. So the Resolve was not con-
curred in by the Board of Aldermen. The records of the City Council
show that the resolution was not carried into effect.

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In consequence of this non-concurrence, no choice of Mayor
could be had under the Charter; the City remained without any
Mayor capable of performing the duties of the office, until after the
death of Mr. Davis, and Mr. Hearitt remained the chairman of the
Board of Aldermen. It is for his services as such, that a claim is now
made on his behalf for compensation. The Committee think that
such a claim cannot be supported with a very good grace when
the City did not wish for his services; when a majority of the City
Government was doing all in its power to render his services un-
necessary, by proceeding to the choice of a Mayor pro tempore; and
when, had it not been for his own vote, preventing the choice of a Mayor,
the City would have had a chief executive magistrate, legally chosen,
to perform the duties of the office. The Committee cannot see the
propriety in a City officer, a member of the Board of Aldermen, chosen
to fill a temporary vacancy, of holding himself
to continue that vacancy, and keep himself in office, in opposition
to the wishes of the City Government and of the citizens; and in
contravention of the true intent of the City Charter, and then claim-
ing compensation for so doing. Nor can they see how the present
City Council can with propriety, sanction such a course, by paying
a claim which is presented upon such a state of facts. The Committee
are supported in these views by the action of the City Government
immediately succeeding that of 1845. In 1846, an order to pay Mr.
Hearitt for his services as chairman of the Board of Aldermen was
presented to a Committee, who, after a consideration of the subject, reported that the order
ought not to pass, and the report was accepted. The Committee would
therefore respectfully report, that in their opinion, Mr. Hearitt is not
entitled to compensation for his services as chairman of the Board of
Aldermen in 1845. For the majority of the Committee, John L. Dingy. Read and

laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The undersigned, a minority April 24 1854.

ly of the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom were referred Davis
the claim of Benson Fearitt for services rendered as Chairman of Minority
the Board of Aldermen, in the year 1845, and the draft of an order respect- Report.
ing the same, respectfully report: That it appears by the City Records, that
Benson Fearitt served as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in
the year 1845, from October 1. to December 11. inclusive, performing the du-
ties of Mayor. It did appear that during that time no salary as Mayor
was paid to any one; that the salary of Mayor Davis was paid up
to October 1; and that Josiah Quincy, Jr. having been elected Mayor, was
not paid from December 11. to the end of the year. It also appears that William
Ficker was also elected as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, from
January 1. to February 27. of the same year received he salary for his
therefor, by virtue of an order passed March 10, 1845. The undersigned
think that Mr. Fearitt should also be paid in the same proportion,
during the time he performed the duties of Mayor, and while no other
officer was receiving compensation therefor. Mr. Fearitt also served as
Chairman of the Board previous to October 1st; but as Mr. Davis was paid
for that space of time, we think that Mr. Fearitt cannot claim for
anything more than the two months and eleven days above men-
tioned, as per Auditor's statement annexed. The undersigned there-
fore respectfully submits the accompanying order. J. Cunham, Jr. Ordered,
That there be paid to Benson Fearitt, the sum of Four Hundred and
ninety-three dollars and five cents, in full settlement for all services
as Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, during the year eighteen hun-
dred and forty five; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for
Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Read, laid on the table
and ordered to be printed.

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Monday next was assigned as the time for choice of Superintendent of Fire - Harms, and of Directors of the Fire - Insurance, and for Officers of the House of Correction.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at 3 o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman West.

Riddle

Petition of Edward Riddle that the Job Wagons in front of his premises in Union Street may be removed. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Pick

Pick

Gallender

Petition of Robert Pick for leave to put up a wooden awning at 94 Union Street of James W. Pick for leave to construct a cellar door in sidewalk in Pleasant Street of Gallender, Rogers & Shellen that street signs be placed in Perkins Street; Referred to the Committee on Licensing.

Water

Board

Communication of the Cochituate Water Board respecting the increase of the rent of their rooms in Washington St. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 27th

Petition of Leonard French for
leave to use Cochituate Water for sprinkling the streets. Referred to the
Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred April 27.
French.

On motion of Alderman Dunham
the item of the Appropriation Bill granting \$90,000 for expenses of Houses
of Industry &c. for the ensuing financial year, was taken from the table,
and was passed in concurrence with the Common Council, and the
Board accordingly concurred in the passage of the whole bill as it
was received from the other branch.

The Committee on laying out &
widening Streets to whom was referred the order directing them to
consider and report upon the expediency of opening Chauncy Place
and Bedford Place as a continuous highway, and also the petition
of Calvin W. Clark and others, Caleb Eddy and others, Hale and Whiten &
others in favor of said opening; and the remonstrances of the First
Church, Charles Jackson, Jr. & H. Eddy and others, against the proposed
measure, recommended that the same be referred to the next Board.
For the Committee, John S. Dingley, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Licenses to whom
was referred the order of April 24th respecting the killing of Dogs, reported
that it is inexpedient to pass the same. Read and accepted.

The same Committee then offered the
following order which was adopted, viz; Ordered: That the order of
this Board authorizing the destruction of all Dogs which may be con-
sidered dangerous, which passed April 24th be and the same is hereby
rescinded.

Resolved: That the Committee

Watering
Streets.

True Sheet.

Ordered: That the committee on

Union
Street.

Hilerman Dunham moved a re-

Idem.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Monday the first day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of A. M. Billings for
leave to exhibit a plan of a proposed
in the Committee on Finance.

Billings.

Petition of Sarah Pratt to be
surveyor of the streets of the City of Boston, and
to give a change of grade in Broadway. Referred to the Committee
on Finance.

Pratt.

Burdick.

Petition of John C. Pratt for the
granting of a license to erect a structure over the
sidewalk, and others that a sidewalk may be laid
in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pratt.

Burdick.

Petition of G. M. A. Twitchell and
others for leave to put up their awnings at the
City of Boston.

Twitchell.

Burdick.

of the South Boston Shade Tree Society, for leave to plant trees
May 1, 1854. in the sidewalks at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Sav-
ings.

Porter.

Petition of C. Porter and others that
the common sewer in Atkinson Street, from High to Channing
Streets may be hurried. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Petition of Suffolk Hydrant C. N. 5
and of Union Hydrant C. N. 2, for four wheeled Hydrant Hose Car-
riages. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petitions of Thomas Earl, David Jameson,
Egus Alger, Miller C. Gares, Philip Benson, John H. Gering, Patrick
Gore, George G. Bacon, Thomas Barr, and Charles Pratt for assessment
of damages occasioned by the location and construction of the New
York Central Rail Road across their land. were referred to Aldermen
Trest, Farnham, and Williams.

The Committee on Public Buildings,
to whom was referred the subject of a new School House at South
Boston, would report in favor of an appropriation for that purpose,
and respectfully beg leave to advance for your consideration, a
few of the reasons which have influenced them in coming to
this decision. A simple statement of the condition of the Mather School,
for whose use the proposed house is to be built, is sufficient to con-
vince even the most careful guardian of the public moneys that some-
thing should be done, and that immediately, to relieve its present
unfortunate situation, as stated by the School Committee, viz:

The whole number of pupils in the school is 589

permanent seats is 440

that there are 244 children who are not furnished with such seats as the City ought to provide, and such as are necessary for the proper improvement and progress of the scholars, as well as for their health and comfort. There are 144 of these children who are obliged to sit day after day, upon benches placed against the wall, with only such means of instruction in writing, as can be furnished by an exchange of seats with other scholars. In a small Ward Room, there are 162 children with a cylinder stove as the only means of heat, and the windows open upon either side, as the only means of ventilation, so that while some are over-heated, others are subject to the cold draughts from the windows. Is it surprising that there should be continued sickness among those occupying such a room, or that parents should feel that something should be done, if not from regard to the mental improvement of their children, at least for their protection from almost certain sickness. With all the disadvantages of want of accommodations which are pressing upon this school, it has only sixty less pupils than the Boylston School with the largest School House in the City, and has more than the Hancock or the Quincy, with their liberal and commodious accommodations. Including the two primary Schools which are in this building, there are more children in this School house than in any other in the City, and yet with one exception, that of the Hawes School, it is the smallest building occupied as a Grammar School House. But it is useless to enlarge further upon the necessity of something being done, for this will be admitted by any one who has examined into the present unfortunate condition of the Mather School. It has been admitted by every Committee either of the Grammar Board or the Council, who have

128. during the five years that this necessity has existed, had this
May 1. 1854. matter under consideration, and we believe it is just not to move.
There are now three schools in South Boston; the Mather for boys
and girls, the Bigelow for girls, and the Hawes for boys; there is
also a Branch School at City Point. The rapid growth of this
portion of South Boston, will before many months, compel the estab-
lishment of a regular school there, and it is proposed to save the
city for the present, the expense of a new building, by taking the
present House of Reformation which could be vacated by the re-
moval of the inmates to Deer Island or to the House of Industry
Buildings, and appropriating that to a school House. This being
done, a sufficient number of those now attending the Hawes and
Bigelow schools living towards City Point could be sent there to
make a good sized school, and to dispense with the Hawes School.
This would consolidate the present three schools west of Dorchester
Street, into two, provided a new School House could be built, cen-
trally situated, large enough to accommodate the boys now in
the Mather, and those who would be left from the Hawes. Then the
rooms now occupied by Primary Schools in the Bigelow School, to-
gether with the vacancies made by those who would go to the Point,
would accommodate the girls now in the Mather School, thus making
one large school for girls, and one for boys. There would then be
left, two old School Houses, which being small, could be cut up for
Primary Schools, to fill which, we have six in the neighborhood
of the Mather School, and the same number in the neighborhood of
the Hawes, three of them being those now in the Bigelow School House.
The rapid growth of the Mather School, has rendered all past plans
for the improvement or alteration of the present house valueless,
and the only plan which could be for a moment entertained as

possible or feasible, has associated with it so many disadvantages, that your committee do not feel it advisable to recommend the same. It is not from you, as the expense of such alterations with the cost of new Primary School Houses which must be provided would be nearly or quite equal to the cost of the present system. If consolidation of the schools could be effected, because the present plan of the Board and its members and the children in the neighborhood of Dorchester Street could not be expected to travel the distance necessary to reach that school and the Board do not wish to continue to accommodate these children. Every gentleman can thus see that this new House is a measure of economy, a saving in the current expenses of at least five thousand dollars a year can be made, and would recommend the adoption of the following Order, For the Committee, W. Washburn. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Finance and Audit Committee, be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase a suitable lot of land at South Boston, and erect thereon a building adapted to the use of a Primary School House, not exceeding \$5,000 dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Primary School Houses, Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The report of the Finance and Audit Committee on the report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and the Committee on Public Instruction, and the Finance and Audit Committee, be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase a suitable lot of land at South Boston, and erect thereon a building adapted to the use of a Primary School House, not exceeding \$5,000 dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Primary School Houses, Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. May 4.

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The Common Council having insisted on its former vote referring the petition of Eugene C. A. for the modification of the Fire Ordinance to the Joint Special Committee on the Fire Department, and said action having come up for concurrence, this Board also insisted upon its own former vote referring said petition to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Per Diem
 Assessor.

The ballots having again been taken for a Per Diem Assessor it appeared that Samuel Neal was elected on the part of this Board, thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Benjamin Field. Sent down for concurrence.

Assistant
 Assessors

A certificate from the Common Council stating that that Branch had elected as Assistant Assessors. Solomon Carter, Asa Swallow, W^m H. Mann, J. W. Merriam and James A. Beal (the latter in concurrence) came up for concurrence, and the ballots being taken and counted for four Assistant Assessors it appeared that Samuel A. Bradbury, Asa Swallow, Charles Brown, J. W. Merriam, were elected. This Board thereby non-concurring in the election of Solomon Carter and W^m H. Mann. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Beal

A letter from James A. Beal resigning his office of Assistant Assessor for Ward N^o 8. was read and laid on the table.

Fox

On the notice of intention of Charles Fox to build on Shemont & Hanson Streets, the Committee on Streets reported, that no action is required as to the lines of said streets, but that the subject of the sidewalk be referred to the Committee on Public Health and accepted.

in Constitution at South Union and Lee and to whom was referred the order of the City Council instructing said Committee to confer with the Directors of the House of Industry, with a view of making out a bill to be introduced into the House of Industry. The Joint Standing Committee, after having taken into consideration the importance of the proposed measure, recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, J. K. Smith, Chairman. The Common Council, referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having decided upon the election of the Board of Fire Department, said action came up for concurrence: and sundry petitions from engine Co's 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and various Hydrant Companies, and Hook & Ladder Companies in favor of the election of said Smith and of H. W. Bass and others in favor of James Leinn. Having been read to the Board the ballot was taken & voted for a Chief Engineer, when it appeared that James Leinn was elected, this Board thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of said Smith. Sent down for concurrence.

On the notices of intention to build a new Hebrew School in Pleasant Street and of J. H. [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] streets reported that no action was required regarding the same, but that the subject of the proposed buildings be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Read and accepted.

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On the notice of intention to build by Greely Ransom on Eighth and Old Harbor Streets, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is required respecting the lines of said Streets, but that the subject of a new Hydrant be referred to the Cockituate Water Board with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Riddle.

In petition of Edward Riddle that the Job-wagon stands in front of his premises in Union Street may be removed, the Committee on Licenses reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Read and accepted.

Faneuil Hall
 Cong. Socy
 Jackson.

The use of Faneuil Hall was granted to the Congregational Library Association on the 31st of May, and to Francis Jackson and others for a political meeting on the first day of June next, on the usual conditions.

Auctioneer.

Cyrus L. Harris was appointed an Auctioneer of the City at N^o 18 India Street.

Supl. of Lands
 Bond.

The Bond of Robert W. Hall, Superintendent of Public Lands was approved by the Board.

New York
 Central
 Rail Road.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor be instructed to ascertain whether the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company or the Midland Rail Road Company are constructing their Road according to their legal rights - and if not, to take such legal measures as may be necessary to prevent the further illegal construction thereof.

Resolved, That the safety and

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convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that North
street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to
take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a
parcel of land belonging to Darius Wellington, bounded as follows,
viz: Beginning at the northerly corner of the said land, being
the westerly corner of land heretofore taken from the said Well-
ington to widen the said street; thence running southeasterly,
bounded by the said land taken, five feet and $\frac{25}{100}$ of a foot; -
thence southwesterly, by the said street, forty six feet and $\frac{25}{100}$
of a foot, thence northwesterly, by land now or late of the heirs
of John Hux, eight feet and $\frac{25}{100}$ of a foot; and thence northeas-
twardly, by the proposed line of widening of the said street, forty six
feet and $\frac{25}{100}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing three
hundred and twenty four square feet and one tenth of a square
foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of
the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for
the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed,
It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be,
and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street
or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening
made by J. J. Sherrugh and dated 10th 1854, and deposited in the
office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth
adjudge that the expense of widening the said North street,
as aforesaid, will amount to One thousand dollars: which sum
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations
or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipi-
pal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

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Wellington

North Street.

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Hall.

Wilkinson.

and

Edward.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that North Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, two parcels of land belonging to Eleazer P. Hall, Simon Wilkinson, and Anne, widow of John Rand and Samuel Starwood; First by a parcel bounded as follows, viz: beginning at the northeast city corner of the same, being the substantially corner of land heretofore taken from the said Hall and Wilkinson to widen the said Street; thence running westwardly, bounded by the said Street nine feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; thence southwardly, still by the said Street, forty three feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot, thence eastwardly, by a line running from the said Street to Commercial Street, fifteen feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; thence northwardly, by the proposed line of widening of the said Street forty four feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning, containing six hundred and fifty nine feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less of which three hundred and thirty one square feet and $\frac{2}{100}$ of a square foot are taken from the said Page, and two hundred and nineteen square feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a square foot from the said Hall and Wilkinson. Secondly a parcel bounded as follows, viz: beginning at the southwesterly corner of the same, being the northeast city corner of Hall and North Street: thence running northwardly, bounded by North Street, twenty one feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; thence eastwardly, to the said line, fourteen feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; thence southwardly by the said line of widening, eighteen feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; thence southeastwardly, by a curve of seven feet radius to which the said line of widening, and the line of Hall Street are tangent, eight feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; thence westwardly, by Hall

Street, nineteen feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning; con- 285.
taining three hundred and nine square feet, more or less; of which May 1. 1854.
two hundred and forty four square feet are taken from the said
Mrs. Rand, and sixty five square feet from the said Stanwood.
And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this
Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid,
as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered,
That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are,
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - ac-
cording to a plan of the said widening made by E. I. Chestrough
dated May 1st 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and
Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of
widening the said North street, as aforesaid, will amount to
fifty three hundred dollars; which sum together with the amount
of estimates of previous alteration or discontinuances in said street,
during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thou-
sand dollars, read, and the foregoing order and order passed.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Alderman Frost offered the
following order - Ordered: That there be paid to Sumner T. Bar-
rett, late Constable of the Watch, one hundred and twelve $\frac{5}{100}$ dollars
in full compensation for one quarter's salary from March 25. 1854.
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Watch
Department. This order being the same which was rescinded
April 17, created some discussion and the Yeas and Nays being
required thereon were taken as follows - Yeas - The Mayor, Alder-
men Allen, Frost, Lingley, Dunham, Washburn. 6 Nays - Aldermen
Odians and Williams - 2. So said order prevailed.

unrecd.

A communication was read from

Law 1. 1834. Messrs Samuel Leeds and Alfred A. Wellington declining to be candidates for reelection as Directors of the House of Industry & Agriculture. The ballots having been taken and counted for twelve Directors of the House of Industry &c. it appeared that Josiah Dunham Jr. John M. Clark, William Dall, H. M. Holbrook, Benson Leavitt, Josiah W. Butler, Charles H. Hedman, Phil Sanford, Henry L. Gurney, Julian O. Mason, James W. Stone, Samuel J. Perkins were elected. Sent down for concurrence.

House of
Correction
Overseers

On motion of Alderman Dunham it was resolved that it is expedient to increase the number of the Overseers of the House of Correction to twelve, which is the limit allowed by law. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Overseers
chosen.

The ballots having been taken and counted for twelve Overseers of the House of Correction it appeared that Benjamin S. Allen, William A. Foster, George W. Messinger, John A. Cummings, Benjamin J. Hooke, Thomas B. Remond, Francis G. Manning, James H. Beal, Benjamin Bail, Ezra H. Baker, Bradley N. Cummings, and Elijah Williams were chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Fire Alarms
Com' chosen

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Fire Alarms it appeared that Messrs G. Farmer was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4th.

Godman

Petition of Francis Godman for leave to purchase a school-room belonging to the City. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 4.

Whereas Job A. Turner and Company 287.

have given notice to this Board of their intention to erect Buildings on Gibbons - Ave 1. 1854.
High and Hancock Sts. in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, Turner & Co.
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Hancock St.
Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice,
it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said
Job A. Turner and Company that this Board intend to widen the
street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be
built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public
street - and that Monday, the eighth day of May current, at four
o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections
which may be made thereto.

Petition of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for an extension of Time June 5 1854. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

able Artillery Company for an extension of Time June 5 1854. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Whereas C.K. Kirby has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Broad Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said C.K. Kirby that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the eighth day of May instant at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objection which may be made thereto.

Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said C.K. Kirby that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the eighth day of May instant at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objection which may be made thereto.

May 1. 1854. The Board being satisfied that a certain tenement on Poplar Street, being number 66, on said Poplar Street, had no connection with a public drain. Therefore Ordered that due notice be given to Charles Moore, owner thereof, that said owner is hereby required to cause a proper and sufficient drain to be constructed for such tenement, to be common and subject to the use of all the Inhabitants thereof, within five days from the date hereof.

North Street
Stinson.

Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of relaying the common Sewer in North Street, from Richmond Street to Jerry Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Brooks
Street.

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common Sewer in Brooks Street from Lexington Street to Bremen Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Cain

Ordered, That there be paid to Christopher Cain the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of S. Street, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and

expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

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May 1. 1834.

Ordered, That there be paid to Beck.

Jacob Beck the sum of Seventy five Dollars for damage occasioned by the change of grade of S. West, provided he raises the building on his estate to grade, and upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. (rescinded on page 389.)

Ordered, That there be paid to Thorne

Thorne and wife the sum of Seventy five Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Broadway and Old Road upon their proving their title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon their giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. And it is further ordered: That all claims due to the City by said Thorne, shall be deducted from the above seventy five dollars ordered to be paid by the City Treasurer.

Ordered, That there be paid Watts.

to Caleb B. Watts the sum of Twenty five dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Land Third Street upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

May 1, 1854.

Emerson

Ordered: That there be paid to
 Emma Emerson the sum of Seventy five dollars for damages
 occasioned to her estates by change of the grade of the Old Road, upon
 her giving her title to the State to the satisfaction of the City Scribe
 and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for
 all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of
 grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Filden

On petition of Edwin Filden to be
 compensated for damage sustained by change of grade in N. &
 G. Sts the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read
 and accepted.

Hancock

Free Bridge -
 Cambridge St.

Ordered, That notice be given to
 the Hancock Free Bridge Association to cause the Common Sewer in Cam-
 bridge Street to be extended to the Commissioners Line, or as far as they
 shall fill in under said Bridge, said extension to be done under the
 direction of the Committee on Sewers and Drains, and to their satisfaction.

Belmont
 Square

Ordered: That the Committee on Com-
 mon and Public Squares be authorized to construct an Iron Fence around
 Belmont Square and the expense thereof to be charged to the appropria-
 tion for Common Malls &c.

Perkins

Institution for
 the blind.

The Committee on Paving &c. to which
 was referred the report of the Committee of the last Board of Mayor
 and Aldermen on the petition of the Perkins Institution for the Blind
 for damages to their building by the change of grade of the road
 around the same; also the memorial of the Trustees of said Insti-
 tution respecting the same. Having duly considered the subject in all
 its bearings would respectfully report that the following order be passed

For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Ordered: That there be .291.
paid to the Trustees of the Perkins Institution for the Blind the sum of May 1, 1834.
Ten thousand dollars for damages occasioned to the said Institution's
building, by change of the grade of Broadway, Fourth and N. Streets,
upon their proving the title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City
Solicitor and upon their giving to the City an acquittance and dis-
charge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said
change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation
for Paving &c. And it is further Ordered: That all claims due to the
City of Boston by said Institution shall be deducted by the City Treasurer
or from the sum of Ten thousand dollars above ordered to be paid.
Read, accepted and the order passed.

(On motion of Alderman Sum- 34 in
ham, the report and order respecting the claim of the heirs of
Samuel Jepson upon the City for land taken to widen Tremont
Street in 1831. (as recorded on page 231) were taken from the table,
and the order was adopted. Sent down for concurrence. Same up
concurred May 11.

Whereas, there are sundry cun- cellar doors,
cellar doors, in the City and for private interest and convenience. decaying &c.
ence, but greatly to the public detriment, and danger to passengers
upon the sidewalks, have constructed and continue to maintain, con-
trary to law, and in violation of the ordinances of the City, in many
of the streets, various cellar doors, decays and steps leading from
the sidewalk, whereby serious injuries to individuals have accrued
and are liable to accrue. And whereas, the City in a recent case
has been held liable by the Supreme Court in a large amount of
damages (about \$12,000) arising from a violation of the law and the
ordinances before named, and in order to avoid future accidents of a

292 similar kind, and to protect the City from further liabilities, it is

May 1, 1854.

Ordered: That the City Clerk cause a copy of these orders together with the 12th Sec. of Chap. 31. Statutes of 1799. and the 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th and 30th sections of an ordinance in relation to Streets passed Sept. 30. 1850. to be published in the papers authorized to publish the City ordinances, advertisements &c. Ordered: That the Chief of Police with as little delay as possible, cause enquiry to be made into all cases of violation of the aforesaid statute, and ordinances, to notify the owners and occupants to remove the same, or to place the same in a condition to conform to the law and ordinances aforesaid. And the Chief of Police is further directed, after the expiration of fifteen days from the date of such notice, in every case of such violation of the law or ordinances, to institute a prosecution therefor, before the Court which shall have jurisdiction of the matter, and thereafter to search out and prosecute every person guilty of any such violation, whenever, and as often as any such violation shall occur.

Yerman

Ordered, That there be paid to Ebenezer C. Yerman the sum of seventy five Dollars for damage occasioned by the change of grade of Fifth Street, provided that he raises his buildings to the established grade, and proves his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Tucker.

Ordered: That the salary of Stephen Tucker late Superintendent of Public Lands be and is hereby continued up to the first day of July next. Sent down for concurrence. May 11 came up concurred. A motion having been made to

reconsider the foregoing vote, the yeas and nays were ordered taken
and the same were taken as follows. Yeas. Aldermen Clifton & Jan. 11/54.
Williams 2. Nays. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Frost, Lingley, Sun-
ham, Washburn 6. So said motion did not prevail.

Ordered, That the Chief of Trucks
Police be and he is hereby directed to enforce the provisions of
the 55th and 56th Sections of the Ordinance respecting Trucks and
Wagons &c. and the loading and unloading of the same.

The Committee on Internal Watering
Health having considered the order of the 20th ult. in relation to
watering the streets, report the following order embracing rules
and regulations and a form of license for watering Streets. In the
Committee. Union Sunham &c. Ordered: That the following rules and
regulations for watering the streets of the City, and the form of license
granting authority for doing the same, be and the same hereby
are adopted. Rules and Regulations. First. All applications for water-
ing the streets of the City shall be referred to the Committee on Internal
Health, who, if they agree that the application be granted, shall decide
whether the street or streets applied for shall be watered by fresh
or salt water, and the license shall expressly state which kind
of water shall be used. Second. The expense of watering of streets
is to be borne in all cases by the abutters. The mode of watering
the Streets and the quantity of water to be put upon the streets dur-
ing each day shall be determined upon by the Superintendent of
Health. Fourth. The said license shall be for one year, and
shall be liable to be revoked at the pleasure of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen. License for Watering Streets is duly

294. licensed to water with water street, subject to the control
July 1, 1854 and regulation of the Superintendent of Health as to the mode of
watering and the quantity of water to be put upon the street or streets.
This license is for one year, and is subject to being revoked by the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Milk,

Ordered: That the Superinten-

Sudbury
& Salem
streets.

dent of Streets in tracing Milk Street between Nibby and India
Street, repaired under authority of an order passed Sept. 19th 1853; also
Sudbury Street from Portland Street to Haymarket Square, under authori-
ty of an order passed same date; also Salem Street from Richmond Street
to Prince Street, under authority of an order passed July 29th 1853. be au-
thorized to remove any projection on the line of said streets which
he may consider dangerous, and to close all openings into said
streets not secured according to the ordinances of the City.

Wooden

Ordered: That the Committee on

buildings

Ordinances examine and report if any more stringent provisions
can be enacted by the City Council, under existing laws, relative
to the erection of wooden buildings in this City or of buildings construc-
ted partly of wood and partly of bricks but in so slight a man-
ner as to be deemed dangerous. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred
May 4.

Hawley

Ordered: That the Committee on

Street.

laying out and widening streets consider the expediency of widening
Hawley Street from Summer to Milk Streets and to report there-
on.

Engineers.
rank of

Alderman Odiorne offered the fol-
lowing order in view of the fact that there is now no Chief Engineer

of the Fire Department, viz: Ordered: That the Engineers of the 295.
Fire Department and as follows viz: 1. James Quinn 2. William May 1. 1854.
Smith, 3. Charles H. Clark. 4. Geo. H. Bird. 5. Geo. S. Thom. 6. Richard
S. Martin. 7. Samuel S. Nutting. 8. David C. McLoon. 9. Joseph Dun-
bar. Read and laid on the table.

On nomination by the Mayor, Constable
Guthrie Hutchins was appointed a Constable of the City.

The Superintendent of Fan- Market.
cil Meat Market reported that he had received and paid into Sup' quarterly.
the City Treasury the last quarter \$11,815.56. Read and placed on
file.

The City Clerk reported that City Clerk.
he had received and paid into the City Treasury during the
last quarter \$191.00. Read and sent down. In Common Council.
Placed on file.

The Hayweigher at the North Hayweigher.
an Scales reported that he had received during the last quarter
\$712. fifty per cent of which he has paid into the City Treasury. Read
and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The City Registrar reported that City
the receipts of his office for the last quarter were \$744.00 which were Registrar.
paid into the City Treasury. Read and sent down. In Common
Council. Placed on file.

The City Crier presented to the City Crier.
Board a report of the doings of his office for the year ending Ap-
ril 30. 1854. Read and placed on file.

296.
Messenger.

Monday next was assigned as
the time for a choice of Messenger to the City Council.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at 3 o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the
Fourth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Washburn
and Williams.

Boston Light
Artillery.

Petition of the Boston Light Artillery
re approval of their time at corner of Green and Spruell Streets.
Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Hinckley.

Petition of Holmes Hinckley for leave
to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Washington Street, corner
Ashland Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Belknap
Street.

Communication of Chief of Police
respecting a nuisance in Belknap Street. Referred to the Committee
on Internal Health.

Katzman.

Petition of Jacob Katzman that a
nuisance occasioned by an illegally constructed vault in Union
Street may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of William Kelly and 297.

others that a vacancy in the office of Assistant Assessor in Ward 2, May 4, 1864
occasioned by the removal of John Atkins from the City may be filled: Kelly
read and thereupon, on motion of Alderman Fingus, that gentleman's Committee
was appointed a Committee to ascertain the views of the City Council of Ward 2
decide upon the point in question and having attended to that
duty reported that by the laws of the Commonwealth the removal
of any City Officer from the City vacated said office which report
was accepted, and thereupon Alderman Frost offered the following
motion, to appoint John Atkins an Assistant Assessor elected
from Ward 2, has removed from the City, and is not now a
resident of the City it is Ordered: That the said office be declared
vacant and that the City Council do now proceed to the election of
an Assistant Assessor for Ward Two. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Allen Assessorship
the resignation of James A. Allen, Assessor for Ward No. 2.
was taken from the table and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred.

Petition of the Suffolk Savings Suffolk Savings
Bank for abatement of a nuisance at No. Adams Place. Referred
to the Committee on Internal Health.

The Bond of Luther Hutchins, Constable
a Constable, was approved by the Board.

Ordered: That there be Lapham
paid to Eliza L. Lapham the sum of Twenty five dollars for damages
occasioned by the change of grade of said road upon her property
her title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon
her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages.

298 costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade.
May 1, 1854. and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Adams.
Hazier.

A. H. Billings was allowed to exhibit some Picnic Paintings at Amey Hall and S. C. Hazier to give concerts at the Music Hall.

There

Ordered: That there be paid to Jonas Glaze the sum of One hundred dollars for cutting off a drain connected with his premises in East Castle Street by the erection of a cesspool in said street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said injury or injuries; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

German
McBrew
Society.

The Committee on the Fire Department to which was referred the communication of the German McBrew Society, giving notice of their intention to build on Pleasant Street, reported that said Society had been notified that they must be governed in the erecting their building by the regulations and restrictions of the Ordinance relating to wooden buildings; and the Engineers of the Fire Department have been notified to see that these directions are complied with.

Healy.

Ordered: That there be paid to Jefferson Healy the sum of Thirty Five dollars for damages caused by the change of grade of the street, provided he will restore to the established grade, and upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; also upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and ex-

penses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

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May 4, 1854.

Ordered: That there be paid to Joseph S. Paget the sum of Thirty dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Mercer Street upon his paving his lot to the satisfaction of the city solicitor and upon his giving to the city an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Paget.

The report of the Chief of Police showing the character of the arrests made by his Expedition in April, was read and placed on file.

Chief of Police

Whereas the City Council by a Resolve passed the fourth day of May current took a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on North Street and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Simon Robinson, to John Fugge, to John Land, and Samuel Starnes and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise in said land that they cut off pull down, remove & carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said North Street as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the first of June now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all build-

North Street.

Robinson

Pratt

Fugge Land

Samuel

300.
May 1, 1854. ings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said North street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Howard

A deed of a piece of land in Brookline sold by the Cochituate Water Board to Benjamin Howard at eight cents per square foot, was approved by the Board.

Lamps.

Sup. Salary

Ordered: That the salary of the Superintendent of Lamps be One thousand dollars payable quarterly.

Salary Bill.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Salary Bill, and after a discussion of the several sections they concurred in the passage of the same with the following amendments. First from Sec. 2. Strike out "thirty eight hundred" and insert "forty six hundred. Second. In Sec. 11. in place of the section stricken out insert the following - "The salary of the Superintendent of Fire Alarms shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum". Third - from Sec. 12 Strike out "Twelve hundred", and insert One thousand. Fourth - from Sec. 16 strike out all after the word "Sewers" and insert as follows - "shall be at the rate of Fifteen Hundred dollars per annum. And he shall be allowed to hire at the expense of the city a Horse & Chaise provided the bills for the same be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Sewers and Drains: but the amount shall not exceed Two hundred dollars per annum." Fifth - from Sec. 17. strike out all after "Streets", and insert as follows - "shall be at the rate

of Fourteen hundred dollars per annum. And the Committee on 301.
Paving shall have the power to furnish him with a Horse and May 4. 1854.
Chaise at the expense of the City, and have the same kept at the
City's stables for which they shall approve the bill. Sixth - from
Sec. 20. Strike out all after the word 'Buildings' and insert as fol-
lows - "shall be at the rate of Twelve hundred dollars per annum. And
he shall be allowed to hire at the expense of the City a Horse and
Chaise, provided the bills for the same be approved by the Chairman
of the Committee on Public Buildings." Seventh - from Sec. 27. Strike out
the word "Seven" and insert "Eight." Eighth - from Sec. 35. Strike out
the word "Four" and insert "Five." Ninth - from Sec. 4. Strike out "Twelve
hundred" and insert "Two hundred." Tenth - from Sec. 10. Strike out
"Nineteen" and insert "Eighteen" and at the end of the said
section add as follows "and the pay of each Policeman shall be
two dollars per diem, when on duty, and no other fees or perqui-
tites shall be allowed him. Eleventh - from Sec. 12. Strike out
"fifteen" and insert "fourteen." Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the Eighth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Appleton.

Petition of J. Warren Appleton
to be appointed Chief of Police. Referred to the Mayor.

Peterson.

Harris.

Davis.

Donnelly.

Moore.

Swiley.

Petition of John Peterson, and of
Elijah Harris to be paid for damage sustained from change of
grade in Mercer Street of Joseph Davis and John Donnelly to be
paid for damage sustained by change of grade in the "Old Road"
of Charles Moore for a revision of the amount awarded him
for damage in Church Street of George Bailey to be paid for
damage sustained from change of grade in Piedmont Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Crocker.

Felton.

Petition of George H. Crocker
and others for the acceptance of Washington Court of Luther Fel-
ton and others that S. Street from Broadway to Fourth Street
may be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hemp.

Bond.

Petition of S. A. Perry for leave to
construct arches under the sidewalk in Southac Street; of Rich-
ard Bond for leave to construct brick vaults under the sidewalk
in Atkinson Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Finney.

Petition of John Finney for leave
to plant trees in East Garden Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Jacob Steep & 303.

others for the use of Faneuil Hall on May 25th for a meeting of May 8, 1857.
Sabbath School Teachers and Pupils. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board. Steep.

The Superintendent of Internal Health presented to the Board a schedule of assessments for the abatement of nuisance in Oliver Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Oliver Street.

Petition of Stanley Gore and Gore.
others that a sewer may be laid in Dorchester Street of Eben Howes.
Strees and others, for a common sewer in Ferry Street of Gilbert
Hammett for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in Union Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains. Gilbert & al.

Communication of the Williams Market Corporation respecting a strip of land claimed Williams
by them on Dover Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Market

Petition of Lewis Rice for an Rice.
Grocers license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of the Fort Hill Corporation for the acceptance by the City Council of their Act of Incorporation. Referred to Aldermen Denham, Frost and Williams with such as the Common Council may join, with authority to print said Act. Sent down for concurrence. May 11. Came up concurred, and Messrs Hatch, Bonney, Kendall, Godwin and Prince were joined. Fort Hill Corporation.

Aug 8 1854. and Superintendent of Farms. That he be paid his salary.
Seaver. to July 1st 1854. Referred to the Committee on Farms.

Phillips & Shelton.

Petition of Phillips & Sheldon

and others, that the recent Ordinance respecting dealers in
Second hand articles may be repealed. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence.

Howe

Whereas George Howe a citizen of

Boston, in consequence of a change of grade in Water Street made
in the year 1851. claimed and demanded of the City damages
to his estate on Water Street and Congress Street, occasioned in
consequence of such change of grade. And the Committee on
Paving, in the year 1853 having recommended the payment of
fifteen hundred dollars in full for said damages and the Com-
mittee on Paving of this Board having considered the said report
and recommendation and having examined the premises and hav-
ing unanimously reported that the said Howe had no claim for dam-
ages sustained in consequence of such change of grade. And the said
Howe being dissatisfied with said Report and the decision of
this Board in the premises, in order to give the said Howe
an opportunity to set forth his claim more fully to this Board,
to the end that full justice may be made to the said Howe it is
Ordered, That this Board will re-consider and examine the said
claim for damages of said George Howe, and that the Mayor and
Aldermen will for this purpose examine the premises and hear
the said George Howe therein on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Ordered: That the Super- 303

intendent of Streets be authorized to grade Chelsea Street to the established grade and width, between Decatur and Russell Streets, Chelsea, and that the cost of the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That the Super- Chelsea Street

intendent of Streets be authorized to grade Chelsea Street between Everett Square and Decatur Street, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and that the cost of the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

The Committee on Paving to Andover

which was referred the petition of Walter L. Johnson and others, and street. Johnson. Lord. which was referred the petition of Walter L. Johnson and others, praying for the pavement of Andover Street and for the laying of sidewalk therein. Report: That the owners of land abutting on said street, released to the City the fee thereof in 1852, and on the 17th July of that year the Board of Aldermen passed an order accepting it as a public road and directed the Superintendent of Streets to have the same and to make such alterations in the grade thereof and width of sidewalks as he might deem expedient. No part of this work has yet been performed by the City and the owner and occupants of dwellings & shops on said street now very justly demand that the City should perform what she ordered to be done in 1852. This claim upon the City is, in the opinion of the Committee, just and reasonable and the Committee are disposed to delay the work for the present only from the fact that they have been advised of a strong probability that

and 1862.

the Eastern Rail Road or some other Rail Road entering the city on its nearest boundary would become the property of the whole territory between Andover and Nashua Streets from Alford to Causeway Streets - Should this prove to be the case during the present Summer, the paving of Andover Street at the present time, would be a useless expense to the city and the advantages to be derived from it, if any, would inure to a private corporation now exempt from taxation for any real estate it may hold for the purposes of its creation. While such a prospective change presents a reasonable probability of a speedy consummation the Committee do not feel justified in incurring so large an expenditure of the public money in this particular case. Nevertheless the citizens residing on Andover Street are entitled to our protection against all sources of infection or nuisance whether by neglect of individuals or the city. Some parts of the street are so situated at present that the filth & surface water is conveyed to the cellars & basements of the dwellings - and if this is allowed to remain it will soon become a matter for the consideration of the Board of Health. Viewing the question in all its bearings the Committee recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets cause the sidewalk on the southerly side of Andover Street and the gutter and edgestones to be so repaired or relaid or extended as to protect the dwellings from surface water and render the sidewalk safe and convenient for the public - and said sidewalk may be laid with brick or plank. Read, accepted and the order passed

Pavement

Ordered: That the Committee on

Iron & Russ.

Having consider the expediency of extending the iron pavement in the public streets, and also the expediency of introducing the Russ pavement.

On the petition of George Hillman and others that the avenue leading from Prince Street to Sheafe Street may be paved, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is required thereon. Read & accepted

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Hillman.

On the petition of Horatio Southgate Ordered: That the proprietors of the Church of the Incarnation in Green Street be allowed to take up the paving in front of their Church and to macadamize the same at their own expense - and that the same be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets and to the acceptance of the Mayor & Aldermen.

Southgate

Inc. Church.

Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be requested to make return to this Board of the amount paid by the City for Gas for all purposes during the year ending April 30, 1854. Specifying in detail the amount paid the Eastern Gas Company for lighting the streets with gas and the amount paid for the lighting and extinguishing the lamps, and the amount paid for lighting public buildings of every description. Also the amount paid for the same purposes in East Boston & South Boston - And also the amount paid during the same period for oil lamps in the City proper and East and South Boston.

Lamps

cost of lighting.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Snow Street should be extended through Bedford Place and Chauncy Place, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the Proprietors of the First Church - John Rowe's heirs - Henry Lee - Charles Dickson - Geo. Thaxter and all other owners and

Chauncy

Place.

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abutments interested, that this Board intend to extend the street before mentioned by taking a part of their land aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the fifteenth day of May instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

London
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave London Street between Marnick and Sumner Streets, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the city and the cost of the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving.

Wellington -
Leving -
Davis -
Gleason -
Twitchell -
Tilson.

On petition of Benj^d Wellington & others that a sidewalk may be laid in Northampton Street; - of Edward G. Leving & others that Byron Street be graded; - on petition of Charles Davis to be compensated for damage sustained by change of grade in Lexington Street, of Samuel W. Gleason to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Meridian Street; - of C. M. A. Twitchell and others for leave to put up awnings at East Boston as was done the last season; of Robert Tilson for leave to put up a wooden awning; - the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

McKay -
Hilde -
Gunnereck.

On petitions of Donald McKay and others that the sidewalks of certain streets at East Boston may be paved. of Solomon Hilde and others against the re-numbering of Elm Street of John L. Gunnereck respecting the

condition of Thure and Princeton Streets, the committee on Paving, 309.
ing reported that no further action thereon is necessary. May 8. 1854.

Holmes Hinckley was allowed Hinckley.
to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Washington Street,
on the usual terms and conditions.

The Committee on Paving, S^r Boston
to which was referred the petition of the South Boston Shade Shade Tree
Tree Society for leave to set out trees in the streets at South Society.
Boston reported, that leave be granted as prayed for, subject to
such orders and directions as may be given from time to time
by the Superintendent of Streets.

On petitions of Thomas Earl, Earl, Bari,
Thomas Barr, George E. Brown, Charles Pratt, Gulik N. Going Brown, Pratt,
Patrick Coffey, Philip Lennen, Walter E. Thues, Cyrus Alger, David Going,
Jameson, owners of land at South Boston, over which the New Coffey,
York Central (late Midland) Rail Road, have located and construc- Lennen,
ted their said Rail Road, that this Board would estimate the Thues,
damages sustained by them respectively from said location and Alger,
construction of the said New York Central Rail Road, it is Jameson.
hereto Ordered: That the said parties with the New York Central New York
Rail Company be notified to appear before this Board on Wednesday central
day the 17th day of May instant at 11 o'clock Am. at which time Rail Road.
this Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for
by said petitioners, and will also take such other measures in
the premises as are by the laws of this Commonwealth provided
in such cases.

On the petition of E. Brigham Brigham
ham and others that Everett Street, between Cottage and Lam-

on Streets, may be graded and paved, the Committee on Paving decided that said measures are inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

Dexter.

On the petition of Amasa Dexter and others for a change of grade in White and Marion Streets, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw, the streets named not having been accepted by the City. Read & accepted.

Gallender & al.

On petition of Gallender, Rogers and Hillen, that street signs be placed in Perkins Street, the Committee on Paving reported that when the street shall be opened, signs shall be placed therein. Read and accepted.

Tremont Street.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the order of April 10 concerning the expediency of taking up the Tremont Street sidewalk near the Common and of placing the same within the Mall, reported that it is inexpedient to adopt said measure at the present time. Read & accepted.

Spaughton.

On petition of Wmth H. Spaughton & others for a repeal of the existing rules of this Board on the subject of coal holes, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petition. Read and accepted.

Willard -
Pembroke
Street.

On the petition of Francis A. Willard and others that Pembroke Street may be graded and paved, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to grade said street at the present time; that the City will light the street when Gas pipes shall be laid in the streets, and that

the laying of the sidewalks belongs to the owners on the street. 311
read and accepted.

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Ordered: That the grade of Meridian Street, between White and Gordon Streets, be changed as prayed for by Pliny Cutler and others, provided, all the abutters on that part of Meridian Street, and the streets running into the same, the grade of which will necessarily also require to be changed, give the City a written release of all claims for damages in consequence of said change of grade. And upon the required release being given to the City, the City Engineer is authorized to prepare a plan and order making the necessary change of grade and report the same to this Board.

Meridian Street.

Cutler -

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Liverpool Street, between Maverick and Sumner Streets, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and that the cost of the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Liverpool Street.

Ordered: That so much of Marginal Street as lies between Lewis Street and Cottage Street be graded and paved.

Marginal Street.

Ordered: That there be paid to George P. Dudley the sum of One hundred dollars for damages occasioned by raising the grade of Border Street upon his paving his lot to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge

Dudley

for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Pratt.

Ordered: That there be paid to Sarah Pratt the sum of Two hundred dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Mill Street, upon her proving her title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Hopkins

Ordered: That there be paid to Thomas Hopkins the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Border Street and Central Square upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Prescott

& Croft

Ordered: That there be paid to B. G. Prescott and M. H. Croft the sum of One hundred dollars for damage done their estate on Border Street caused by the change of grade of said street upon their proving their title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon their giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That the Superin-

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tendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters and reset the curbstones in East Canton Street, provided the abutments agree to relay their sidewalks. May 8, 1854. East Canton St.

On the petition of Noah Sturtevant and others, the Committee on Sewing reported in favor of accepting Winthrop Street, whenever a deed of the same is given to the City. Read and accepted. Sturtevant - Winthrop Street.

On the petition of the Suffolk Savings Bank. The Board being satisfied that a certain tenement number 8, on Adams Place, is not provided with a suitable drain. Therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Daniel M. Namara, owner thereof, that said owner is hereby required to cause a proper and sufficient drain to be constructed for such tenement, to be common and subject to the use of all the inhabitants thereof, within five days from the date hereof. Suffolk Savings Bank. Adams Place. M^r. Namara

On petition of Henry Randall and others for abatement of a nuisance in Mulder Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted. Randall

The Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances to which was referred the petition of Heflin Pitts and others, report that said petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Geo. Edicome Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th. Pitts. Second Hand dealers.

The Joint Special Committee to which was referred an order of the City Council to con- Stone Wharf

311.
May 8. 1854. Order and report upon the expediency of selling or leasing a wharf on Commercial Street, commonly called Stone Wharf. Report, That this wharf is at present occupied by the City for the landing of stone and gravel, for the use of the City and for the purpose of keeping a part of the City horses. Your Committee are of opinion that the present time would be favorable for the sale of this property and they have made enquiry in different parts of the City for a favorable location for landing the materials which the City require for the grading and paving of Streets, with the view of dispensing with this valuable wharf by its sale for commercial purposes. Your Committee first looked at a wharf at the west part of the City connected with the New Jail which would have been a favorable location for the City's use. But this wharf had been previously leased for the term of three years by the City. Your Committee, therefore, being unable to procure other accommodations for the business of the City, for the purposes for which this wharf is now used on terms deemed satisfactory to the Committee, recommend the passage of the following Resolution. For the Committee, Oliver Frost, Chairman. Resolved, That it is inexpedient to sell or lease, at the present time, the wharf on Commercial Street belonging to the City commonly called Stone Wharf. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th

Katzman.

On petition of Jacob Katzman that a nuisance occasioned by an illegally constructed vault may be abated, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that as the vault complained of was constructed before the passage of the Ordinance on that subject, the Board has no control over the matter. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the 315.

Committee on Internal Health Benjamin Jones was allowed, to rent May 8, 1854.
ter Charles Street until the first day of October next at the rate of Jones.
\$50. per month, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Com- Charles Street.
mittee.

Leave was granted to M. Jullien.
Jullien to give concerts at the Music Hall this week, on the
usual terms

Ordered: That the subject North
of the grade of North Street, between Fleet and Blank Streets, where Street.
said street has been widened by the City, be referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Whereas, it appears to this Suffolk
Board, that a certain lot of land situated on Suffolk Street,
and belonging to Thomas Holt (Agent - Boston agent) is in a Street.
state of nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants,
therefore Ordered, That a notice in writing, be given to the said
Holt that he cause the said nuisance, existing on said premises
and consisting of foul and stagnant water, to be removed within
five days from the date hereof, by filling up the same with good
coarse gravel or earth so that the same may be properly drained.

Ordered: That the Board South Boston
accept and adopt the grades of Second Street, Third Street, and Streets.
Broadway, from E. to C. Street; of Fourth Street from E. to D. Street; grades of
of Fifth and Sixth Streets, from M. to P. Street; of C. Street from
Third to Seventh Street; of N. Street, from First to Seventh Street;
and of M. Street from First to Fifth Street, proposed by the City
Engineer; said grades being shown on profiles of the said streets, by

316 The said Engineer, dated May 8th 1854 and deposited in the office
May 8. 1854 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered: That the Board of
widell Public Land Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized
to allow an extension of time, to wit, till the first day of May 1856
in building upon one or more of the four lots of land situated at
the corner of Waltham Street and Shawmut Avenue and sold
by the City to the late Thomas J. Spodell: provided said Board shall
consider it expedient so to do. Passed in Common Council. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Parks
Street.
North
Street
sewers
No persons appearing to ob-
ject to the proposed construction of a common sewer in Parks Street
from Lexington to Bremen Street and of relaying the common
sewer in North Street, from Richmond to Perry Street, said sub-
jects were recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with
full power.

Hanover
Street.
No person appearing to object to
the proposed widening of Hanover Street near Robinson's Key,
said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with
full power.

Broadway
Broad Street.
No person appearing to object to
the proposed widening of Broad Street, said subject was recom-
mended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

House of
correction
enlargement of
Alderman Allen offered the
following order, Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings
on the part of this Board, consider and report upon the expediency
of enlarging the House of Correction for the purpose of accommodating
the increased number of inmates which the present establishment can

not now accommodate. Read and laid on the table.

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Ordered: That there be abated from the assessments laid upon abutters for the construction of the drain in Lamson Court the following sums. From Hens Olsen, \$10.90- William A. Simmons 11.38- William A. Hibbard 10.90.

Lamson Court.

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to Public Lands, would respectfully Report: The Committee are of the opinion, that the matter of the South Bay Lands, so called, should be adjusted without further delay, and the lands filled up, and made ready for sale. In their present condition, the large sums of money expended upon them are entirely unproductive. The protracted litigation respecting the contract for filling them is seriously detrimental to the City's interests. Suits and references of a costly and lingering character are always to be avoided, if possible. The City possesses in the region of the South Bay Lands, a large quantity of unimproved wharf property, which should be sold or leased, and thus made available in defraying the expenses already incurred upon them. In order to bring about this result, it is important that the Board of Public Land Commissioners, after being duly authorized by the City Council, should have the Evans controversy settled as speedily as possible. If a contract can be made with Mr. Evans on terms as advantageous as with any other party, to bring in gravel and earth, and to fill up and finish the lands, by paying him a specified price per square yard, to be delivered at different points, and binding him to repair or allow for repairs of the sea-wall, which is now

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in a poor condition; and upon the signing of such a contract, all suits, references, demands and matters of controversy between him and the City can be finally settled and ended, the Committee think the interests of the City might thus be materially promoted. The Committee therefore would recommend that the Board of Public Land Commissioners be authorized and empowered to adjust and settle all claims and demands and matters in controversy between the City and William Evans, by making a new contract with him for gravel and earth filling, to be delivered at certain specified points; or, if such a contract can be effected with any other party with equal safety, and on terms more satisfactory and advantageous to the City than can be done with Mr. Evans, then that the said Board be authorized to make such contract with such other party. For that purpose, the Committee respectfully submit the accompanying order. *Wm. Luskham, Jr. George T. Williams, Stephen Tilton, Jr. Geo. H. Chipman, Thos. C. B. B. B.* Ordered, That the Board of Public Land Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to adjust and settle all claims and demands, matters in controversy, suits and references between the City of Boston and William Evans, and to make a new contract with the said William Evans; or, if it can be done with equal safety, and on terms more satisfactory and advantageous for the interests of the City, to make such contract with any other party for the completion of the sea wall, and filling and preparing for sale the South Bay lands, so called, and for gravel and earth filling to be delivered at certain points, to be specified in such contract. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (See page 350.)

Ordered, That the Committee on 319

Institutions at Deer Island and South Boston inquire and report May 8, 1834.
what action, if any, is being taken by the State Authorities in the removal of Paupers from the City Institutions. Passed in Common Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table. Paupers

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings in conference with the Committee on Public Instruction and the Grammar School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a suitable lot of land in the first section at East Boston and erect thereon a building adapted to the accommodation of not less than seven hundred pupils at a cost not exceeding Forty five thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar Schools. Passed in Common Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred. School House at East Boston.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Instruction be directed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the Primmer School House, by the addition of another room for purposes connected with the assembling of the boys for the annual exhibition and on other occasions. Passed in Common Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Primmer School House

The Common Council having concurred with this Ward in the election of the persons chosen as Overseers of the House of Correction with the exception of Benjamin T. Cooke, Geo. W. Messenger, Wm. J. Cummings, and James A. Beal, in whose stead the former branch elected Thatcher Beal, Aaron Hobart, Ois Kimball and Cyrus Washburn: said action came House of Correction Overseers chosen.

320. up for concurrence. A letter was read from B. B. Hooke declining to
May 8. 1854 be a candidate for Governor of the Town of Concord and the bal-
lots having been taken and counted it appeared that Thacher Beal
was elected in concurrence: this Board also elected John A. Hum-
mings, James H. Beal, and Rufus R. Bradford, thereby non-concur-
ring with the other branch in the election of Messrs Hobart, Kim-
ball and Washburn. Sent down for concurrence.

Per Diem
Assessor.

The ballots having been again
taken and counted for a 3d. Assessor, it appeared that Samuel
Neal was elected, this Board thereby non-concurring with the
Common Council in the election of Benjamin Dodd. Sent down
for concurrence.

Assistant
Treasurer.

The Common Council having elect-
ed Henry L. Gurney and Clement Willis as Assistant Assessors
in place of John Atkins removed from the City and James H.
Beal resigned, said action came up for concurrence, and the
ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Henry
L. Gurney was elected in concurrence. this Board also elected
Benjamin F. White for Ward 4's thereby non-concurring with the
Common Council in the choice of said Willis. Sent down for concu-
rence. Name up concurred May 11th

Fire Dep^t
Chief
Engineer.

The Common Council having
again elected Oliver Smith Jr. as Chief Engineer of the Fire De-
partment, said action came up for concurrence - when it was
moved that the further balloting on the part of this Board for said
officer be postponed until the third Monday of June next, which
motion prevailed.

The Mayor nominated to the 321

Board Gilbert Nurse as Chief of Police; whereupon on motion of May 8. 1854.
Alderman Dingley the yeas and nays were ordered on his con- Chief of
motion and were taken as follows, viz: Yeas - Aldermen Frost, Dingley, Police.
Nunham, and Drake 4. Nays - Aldermen Allen, Washburn, Odi-
orne and Williams 4. A said nomination was not sustained.

The Mayor then nominated Chief of
Robert Taylor as Chief of Police, who was confirmed by the follow- Police
ing vote. Yeas - Aldermen Allen, Nunham, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne, confirmed.
Williams 6. Nays - Aldermen Frost and Dingley 2.

On nomination by the Mayor Police

The following Police Officers were appointed, viz: Chief Officers
George W. Allen - Samuel G. Adams - James Adams - Benjamin F. Baker.
James H. Baker - John Redman - Benjamin Corliss - Samuel Chase -
George Churchill - Levi Cooper - John L. A. Conery - Jacob H. Currier -
Stephen Cummings - Heran Goodman - John H. Gunn - Hiram S. Lee -
Amos Dodge - Nathaniel G. Davis - Joshua Dunbar - Howard A. Doe -
Nathaniel Emerson - William D. Eaton - Joseph Folsom - Ephraim W.
Farr - Wade H. Goodwin - Joseph H. Hays - Luther A. Ham - William G.
Hugh - Samuel Hinkern - Simon B. Hustis - Jonathan Haskell - Isaac
Hall S. John J. Hurd - John L. Harvey - George H. King - James P. Kimball -
John M. Kegan - John A. Kilham - H. G. Lighten - Orick Rock - George T. Pen-
and - Samuel Larkin - Joseph C. Lee - John P. Lench - Hugh B. Leigh-
ton - Charles Lighten - John Merrill - Swinson Marsh - August S. Marsh
Frederick P. Moore - George W. M. Nager - John H. Noyes - George W. Oliver -
John H. Orborn - William Prescott - John L. Philbrick - M. J. Page -
George K. Richard - Charles P. Philbrick - James F. Rice - Wm. H. Reed -

222 Edward C. Richardson Edward H. Savage Alfred Shapiro Ebenezer
May 8, 1854. Thale Jonas G. Smith Richard C. Thale J. H. Turner William S.
Starbuck Nathan Underwood Ezra Vinal Asa Whittaker Jonas C.
Warren Zerah Whiting Isaac Worley John C. Warren Simon C.
Wright Amos C. Whitcomb Oliver Whitcomb Silas Warren John W.
Young John York.

Clark

Petition of John Clark and
others that Galen Holmes, Jr. may be appointed on the Police, was
read and laid on the table.

Superintendent

of Health

charges

The following report was re-
ceived from the Common Council. A minority of the Joint Special Com-
mittee to whom were referred the subject of inquiry con-
cerning certain charges of official misconduct against Ezra Tristram,
Esquire, Superintendent of Internal Health, have heard all par-
ties concerning said charges, and have given the matter full and
deliberate consideration, beg leave to submit the following Report:
That said charges are not only not sustained, but are without
foundation. Calvin P. Hinds, Samuel Hatch. Accepted in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the
following amendment: Strike out all between A. & B. and insert
as follows. The undersigned, a majority of the Joint Special Com-
mittee of the City Council, appointed by an order of the Common
Council, passed March 23 and concurred in by the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen, March 27, 1854, to investigate charges of official
misconduct on the part of Ezra Tristram, as Superintendent of In-
ternal Health, have attended to the duties assigned them, and sub-
mit the following Report: The Committee approached the consid-
eration of the subject with the deliberation its importance evidently
demanded. On the one hand, were grave charges against an in-

individual in authority affecting his reputation. His character, his 323
future prospects, and all that man holds sacred and dear: on the May 8, 1854,
other, was our duty to our City, whose honor we had sworn to pro-
tect, and who had transferred to our hands her rights, her interests,
and her good name in the fullest confidence that we should faithfully
guard and protect them. Three laborious and protracted hearings
were given to the parties appearing for the support and defence of the
charges against Mr. Forristall - able and experienced counsel were
employed in conducting the investigation - every opportunity was
afforded them to introduce all the evidence bearing upon the case,
without excluding any that might by strict legal rules be con-
sidered as irregular. We gave a patient and earnest attention to
the testimony, and the able and eloquent summing-up of the case
by the distinguished counsel. We can assure the City Council
that it has been thoroughly sifted and investigated, and we
are pleased to say, that no charge of criminality rests upon Mr.
Forristall. Whatever semblance of delinquency appeared against
him was caused by the nature of his private business, which re-
quired the same materials and implements to carry it on that
were used in the office which he filled under the City Govern-
ment. Justice to Mr. Forristall requires that the charges should be
considered separately, as by that means the City Council can ar-
rive at a more satisfactory opinion of the result. The first charge
is, that said Forristall in the summer of 1853, without authority and
without a good consideration, did take a certain horse the property
of the City of Boston, of the value of \$150, to his own use, and to be
used by him in a line of omnibuses not owned by the City,
and that he so continues to use said horse, and for which
he makes no account in his report to the City. The evidence put in

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on this charge by the prosecution and sustained also by the defence, admitted the truth of the statement, which, had it not been explained, would have established a criminality of action of the gravest character. It was proved that Mr. Forristall took the horse owned by the City and put him in his line of omnibuses, and made no mention thereof in his annual report to the City Council; but it also appeared in evidence that he gave in exchange for the City horse, one of his own omnibus horses, "a roan horse," so called, which it is asserted was as valuable, or more so, than the horse exchanged. The evidence as to the value of the roan horse was very contradictory—four witnesses for the prosecution, viz, John E. Wells, Robert F. Braden, James G. Ryan, and Samuel Wiggins, valued him at various sums, from \$25 to \$50, while they all agreed as to the value of the City horse, viz: \$150. On the other hand, the witnesses for the defence estimated the roan horse to be the most valuable. Dr. William Simmons said he would give \$60 more for the Roan than for the Bay, meaning the City horse. Joshua Steward thought he was worth \$25 to \$50 the most. Spencer Tonal thought \$40 to \$50 more. Cyrus Bultrick considered the Roan the most valuable, but could not say how much. Joseph Putnam thought the Roan was \$35 the most—afterwards was willing to say \$25, and finally took the horse at an even exchange. It is proper to say that Mr. Putnam is a hired man, and is the foreman of Forristall and Parmelee's omnibus establishment, and it is for the Council to determine what influence Mr. Forristall's opinion would have upon his judgement of the value of the horses at the time the exchange was made. You must also judge from this conflict of evidence which is the most reliable. The credibility of all the witnesses stands unimpaired, and, although the defence attempted to discredit the testimony

of the prosecution, nothing was shown against their reputation 525.
for truth and veracity, and if their calling is lowly, and their May 8, 1854.
occupation humble, they are as much entitled to be believed on
oath as the wealthiest and most exalted member of the commu-
nity. It was a trying occasion for them—dependent upon Mr. For-
ristad's pretensions, their reputation their support, were in his power.

It was evidently for their interest to favor his side—it required
no ordinary courage to be willing to testify against him—it was pain-
ful, therefore, to hear the counsel for the defence ridicule and decry
these men. In his zeal for his client, he seemed willing to blast
the good name of these four honest but humble workmen, to shield
or vindicate the character of one man. The first charge is thus
explained: it was an exchange, perhaps equal, perhaps a shade
of advantage was obtained by the one side or the other. Again
we say, no charge of criminality rests upon Mr. Forristad—if
he swerved a hair's breadth from the line of his duty to the
City, his motives were pure—his honest intentions we do not ques-
tion. It was only unfortunate for him that he was engaged in his
private capacity in an occupation which required the same imple-
ments to carry it on which were used in his office of Superinten-
dent of Internal Health—particularly as by the terms of the 'Ordi-
nance in relation to contracts with City Officers' an Ordinance
framed apparently to meet just such a case as this, it is provided
that "No individual chosen by the City Council shall be interest-
ed in a private capacity, directly or indirectly, in any contract
or agreement for labor, or for any materials," &c. &c. "furnished to
the City, wherein the City is a party interested." But we have
dwelt too long perhaps, on the first charge. It was necessary to do
so, that the Council might see by what principles we are guided.

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ed in investigating the whole subject. We come now to Charge Second, which is, "That said Foristall during the year 1853, and while having charge of the horses belonging to the City sold four or more of said horses for large sums of money, and received the pay therefor for which money said Foristall has not accounted to the City, in his annual report; but has without authority converted the same to his own use." From the evidence on this charge it appears that though "he did not account to the City in his annual report," for the money received for the four horses, he by no means "converted the same to his own use." Satisfactory and abundant evidence was shown that the money was paid into the City Treasury, and if any blame attaches to Mr. Foristall in this matter, it is that his accounts are kept in a loose and unmercantile manner. Not a shadow of a stain upon his honesty was developed by the investigation of this charge. Charge Third - is, "That said Foristall, while acting as Superintendent of Internal Health for said City, directed several horses, some of which belonged to himself and some to other persons, to be taken to the City stables, there to be boarded for long spaces of time and at great expense, for which he renders no account to the City." This charge we think must be considered as proved; the evidence is clear, and indeed the fact that certain horses were boarded at the City stables, belonging both to Foristall & Parmelee's line of omnibuses and to various private individuals is admitted by the defence. The explanation given is this: Several of the City horses used for driving were sick during the summer of 1853, and rather than subject the City to the expense of the purchase of new ones, Mr. Foristall procured some of his friends to board their horses at the City stable and their use was to pay for their keeping. Now for this

arrangement can be justified we leave it to the Council to de- 327
termine. As a guide to their decision, we record that the wit- May 8, 1854.
nesses for the prosecution admitted that their use was worth
their keeping. The Committee however cannot pass over the fact
of Foristall & Parmelee's horses being sent there, without rebuke.
Although it was done at the request of Mr. Haley, and for the
purpose of enabling him to operate upon them to better advan-
tage, it cannot be denied that it was a mixing up of his
private and public business that merits condemnation; and
though the expense of their board was small, the principle in-
volved in the case is as important as though thousands of dollars
were involved. We impute no guilt to Mr. Foristall; it results as
has been so often said before, from the nature of his private busi-
ness, which is incompatible with that plain, straightforward, irre-
proachable course that defies the most exacting suspicion. We pass
now to the fourth charge "That a certain quantity of hay, to-
wit, about five tons, and of the value of 100 dollars, and paid for out
of the City Treasury, was taken by said Foristall, and consumed
at his own stable, for his own private benefit, and no account
made thereof in his report." The evidence to this charge appeared
to prove that the hay was taken by Foristall, and consumed at his
own stable for his own private benefit; but failed to sustain the very
important particular of its being paid for out of the City Treasury. It
seemed that certain hay was sent to the Railroad depot for the
City's use, but Mr. Foristall upon seeing it, refused to take it
on account of its inferior quality; subsequently, he saw the owner
of the hay, Mr. Franklin Morgan, and traded with him, for it for
his private use, and paid for it himself, out of his private funds. We
need dwell no longer upon this charge; it was thoroughly investiga-

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ted and completely refuted. We come now to the Fifth charge - viz: "That said Goristall and one J. S. Turner together took & carried away, in the Fall of 1853, two hogs of the value of \$50, the property of the City, and converted the same to their own private use and benefit without authority and without accounting to the City for any part of the value thereof." As it was abundantly proved and admitted that the hogs were taken and appropriated as alleged, the gist of the charge is whether or not they were taken "without authority." Ex-Alderman Whiting testified that he authorized Mr. Goristall to take the hogs. He did so while acting as Chairman of the Committee on Internal Health, and with the consent of his colleague, Alderman Sleeper. Wm. M. Jackson testified that when Goristall told him the hogs belonged to his chickens/firm, he replied that he (Goristall) in that case was welcome to them. Thus fortified, on both sides, he thought he was safe in "converting them to his own private use," and he accordingly did so. In elucidating this charge the evidence of Ex-Alderman Whiting, Mr. Goristall's immediate predecessor in office, is interesting and important. He said, "The two hogs referred to were paid for by the City." In this view of the case the generosity of William M. Jackson is not so apparent, as it is easy to be generous with other people's property. On the other hand, whether Mr. Whiting did not exceed his authority in donating the hogs, is a question which need not be discussed here. Nothing is shown by the evidence that Mr. Goristall or Mr. Turner did not act in perfect good faith in the whole transaction, and if any thing appears remiss, the responsibility must rest upon other shoulders than theirs. And so we dismiss the fifth charge, and come to the Sixth and last, which is, "That said Goristall and Turner, together, in their official capacity, caused certain expenses incurred

in the improvement of said Horriestall's estate, in Wall Street, 329.
and rightly chargeable to said Horriestall, to be charged to the City, May 8, 1854,
approved by them, and paid for out of the City funds." The evidence
in this case is a complete justification of the action of Messrs. Horri-
estall and Turner. From the testimony of Simeon Smith, the witness
for the prosecution, we glean the following facts: The City was rais-
ing the grade of Wall Street. Mr. Smith was employed in raising
the edgestones and sidewalks. At Mr. Horriestall's request he raised
the steps and curb-stones on his estate, charged it at first to Mr.
Horriestall, but at the request of the Superintendent of Highways Turn-
er, he afterwards charged it to the City. By Smith's statement Horri-
estall's houses were damaged more than \$200 while the whole expense
of putting them in order amounted to about \$20. It is creditable
to Mr. Turner that he made so favorable a bargain for the City with
Mr. Horriestall, and to Mr. Horriestall, that he was so reasonable in his
demands. We have thus, gentlemen, reviewed these charges,
one by one, and have given you the results of our deliberations,
not in the hasty and flippanant manner of mere uninterested
observers, but with the gravity and candor which so serious
a matter demanded. We congratulate the City that it has faith-
ful and vigilant sentinels, who are ready to give the alarm and
shrink from no imputation upon their motives, when they see
what appears to them to be gross dereliction from duty; and
that it has also tried and honest servants, whose official conduct
will stand the test of the most rigid investigation. George F. Williams,
John S. Ringway, Robert Crowdin. On this question of amendment
the Yeas & Nays being taken were as follows: Yeas. The Mayor,
Aldermen Allen, Ringway, Durham, Washburn, Drake, O'Brien, Williams. N.
Nay. Alderman Fort. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Wash-

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Ech.

burn the Board reconsidered the vote whereby on April 26th last a resolve and order passed to widen Union Street at the corner of Hanover Street by taking 307 $\frac{1}{2}$ square feet of land from J. M. Beebe. And the question being then upon the passage of said resolve and order, the subject was laid upon the table.

Seavitt

On motion of Alderman Dunham

the reports on the subject of paying the claim of Benson Seavitt were taken from the table, and the question being upon the adoption of the report of said Committee, Alderman Dunham moved to substitute, thereon the report of the minority of said Committee and the order appended thereto, as recorded on page 271, to pay to Benson Seavitt \$493.05, in full settlement of said claim - and the Yeas and Nays being required on said motion they were taken as follows, viz: Yeas. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dunham, Washburn, Odiorne and Williams - 6. Nays, Aldermen Frost, Dingley & Drake, 3. So said order was adopted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th

Salary
Bill.

On motion of Alderman Williams

the Board reconsidered the vote whereby the Salary Bill was finally adopted at the last meeting of the Board whereupon the Board receded from its vote upon Sec. 15 and concurred with the Common Council. The Board also receded from its vote on Sec. 10 and concurred with the Common Council. The following additional amendments were also adopted - In Sec. 30. strike out One thousand and insert Eleven hundred. At the end of Sec. 12. add 'which sum shall include the compensation allowed by the Acts of the Legislature concerning Quaint children and Wardens from School'.

In Sec. 8, strike out "twelve" and insert "fifteen". The Bill was then passed as amended. Sent down for concurrence. Alderman Fox gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should move to reconsider the vote whereby the Board passed Sec. 8 and Alderman Allen having moved to reconsider the vote whereby Sec. 10 was passed in concurrence, said motion was assigned for consideration on Monday, the 29th instant. May 8, 1854.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a City Physician it appeared that Henry G. Blunk was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th City Physician.

The ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Charles B. Mills was elected Superintendent of Common Sewers. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th Supt. of Common Sewers.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a City Messenger it appeared that Oliver A. Spurr was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th City Messenger.

The ballots having been taken and counted for five Consulting Physicians it appeared that John C. Warren, George Hayward, Jacob Bigelow, Lebbeus W. Adams and James Tyler were chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 11th Consulting Physicians.

On nomination by the Mayor John W. Hurdess, Leonard J. Elliot were appointed Special Officers at the Gunard Steamship Wharf. Special Police.

Lair.

On nomination of the Mayor

George Hill was appointed City Clerk until May 1st 1855.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a special meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Wednesday the Tenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Allen.

Woodbury.

Petition of Moses Woodbury & others
for abatement of a nuisance in Second Street, South Boston. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Bulman.

On petition of E. Bulman that his
claim for damage in Church Street may be referred - and of Charles
Moore for a revision of the amount awarded him for damage in
Church Street, - the Committee on Paving reported that the petition-
ers have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Lebbetts.

Ordered: That there be paid to
Allen C. Lebbetts his sum of three hundred dollars for dam-
ages occasioned by the change of grade of Lexington and Merid-

ian streets upon their proving their title to the estate on the corner 332
of the said streets, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon May 10 1851.
their giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all dam-
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said changes of grade;
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.
And it is further ordered that the City Treasurer cause all claims
due to the City by said Estate to be deducted from the above amount.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Lamps cause Gas lamps to be substituted for street lights in all
cases where the main pipes are laid by the Gas Companies and in
such streets where said pipes are laid as now have no light.

The Standing Committee on Fire Department to which was referred the petition of Suffolk and
Franklin Hydrant Companies, and the petition of Hydrant Co. report the following order. To the Committee, George Osborne, Chairman. Hydrant Co.
Ordered: That the Standing Committee on Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to procure for the use of Suffolk and
Franklin Hydrant Companies, and Hydrant Company, four wheel
wheel Horse Carriages in place of the two wheel Horse Carriages now
used by them. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutters on London Street, between Sum-
ner and Murdock Streets to lay their sidewalks with brick or
flat stone within thirty days

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutters on Liverpool Street, between
Street.

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Marginal

Street

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutters on Marginal Street between Lewis and Orleans Streets, to lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stones within thirty days.

Chelms

Street.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the abutters on Chelms Street between Maverick Street and Location Street to lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stone within thirty days.

Washington

Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair so much of Washington Street between Brookline Street and the Roxbury line, as he shall consider necessary, and make such changes in the grade of said street as he shall deem expedient, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street which are not secured in accordance with the ordinances of the City.

Howe

Agreeably to assignment the Board visited the premises of Mr. George Howe on the corner of Water and Congress Streets at which point the grade of said streets was raised, and on their return to the City Hall, Mr. Howe submitted to the Board testimony to show the amount of damage he has sustained, after which the subject was laid upon the table.

Watch
Captain of
Constable

On nomination by the Mayor Robert Taylor was appointed Captain of the Watch and also a Constable.

The subject of the widening of 335.

Union Street was taken from the table, and the question being May 10, 1857.
on the passage of the Motion and Order as recorded on page 265 the Union Street.
same were adopted.

Isiah Livermore was appointed Special
a Special Police Officer at the East Boston Ferry Station Police.

The subject of the motive power Old Colony
of the Old Colony Rail Road, was taken from the table and it was Rail Road.
thereupon Ordered: That the Old Colony Rail Road Company be
required to cause the Locomotives running upon their track to move
through the limits of the City at the rate of not over five miles an
hour, and any violation of this rule shall be held to be sufficient
cause to compel the Corporation to use horse power within the City limits
ever thereafter.

The Standing Committee on the Barstow
Fire Department to which was referred the petition of William C. Engine.
Barstow and others in relation to an additional Engine for East East Boston.
Boston, report the following order. For the Committee, George Odio-
rine, Chairman. Ordered: That the Standing Committee on the
Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to procure a
suitable Engine, for the use of the Fire Department, to be located at
East Boston on Webster Street and in that vicinity. Read, accepted
and the order passed.

The Standing Committee on the Engines
Fire Department to which was referred the Communication of for No 11, 12.
the Board of Engineers dated July 24th in relation to Engines Nos
11 and 12 Report the following order. For the Committee, Geo. Odiorne,
Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on the Fire Department be

and they are hereby authorized to procure two new Engines
 May 10 1854, for the use of the Fire Department, to take the places of Nos 11 & 12.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

L. Shaw
 Bill.

On motion of Alderman Wil-

liams the Board reconsidered the votes whereby the Board assigned specific times for the consideration of the salaries of the Master of the House of Correction and of the Water Registrar - whereupon the Salary of the Master of the House of Correction was fixed at \$1200 in concurrence, and the salary of the Water Registrar was fixed at \$1400 instead of \$1500 as determined by the Common Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Alderman
 signs.

Alderman Frost, with some

prefatory remarks tendered to the Mayor his resignation of his office as an Alderman of the City, as expressed in the following letter-
 viz: City Hall Boston May 10. 1854. Hon. J. C. Smith, Mayor of Boston.
 Dear Sir, from considerations of entirely a personal character which, in my judgement, exceed in importance to myself any just estimate of the value of my public services to the City as a member of the Board of Aldermen and Aldermen I am reluctantly compelled in duty to my own feelings and personal interests, to vacate the honorable position which has been assigned me by the suffrages of my fellow citizens. In accordance with this sense of duty, I resign my office of Alderman for the City of Boston. On such an occasion I must embrace the opportunity to tender to the Hon. the Mayor and to my fellow Aldermen in the Government, my most cordial thanks for their kindness and courtesy extended towards me in my intercourse with them at the Board and while, I trust, I shall justly appreciate the motives of and ever regard with sentiments of friend and respect the firm

who, unasked, placed me in so honorable and responsible a posi- 337.
tion, I shall deeply regret my inability to serve them with satis-
faction to myself, during the full term of the municipal year. I
am, dear sir, very respectfully Your obdt servant, Oliver Frost.
Read and laid upon the table, and the Board then

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Monday the Fifteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Frost &
Allen.

Petition of John Clark and others Clark
that Gulen Holmes, he may be appointed on the Police of Thomas Amory,
& Amory and others that Bernard W. Winniken may be appoint-
ed on the Police. Referred to the Mayor.

Petition of the Campbell Min- Campbell
strels for leave to give Concerts at the Mevodean and of Ben^{ts}. Miles to
exhibit Paintings at Amory Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Miles.

Petition of Noah Lincoln and Lincoln
others, that Salutation Street may be widened. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

May 15 1854. Petition of Marcus Wellington & others for the extension of Ferry Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Blask. Petition of Henry B. Blask & others that trees be planted in Cooper Street of Stuart Tucker for leave to move a wooden building from Second Street to D. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Andrews. Petition of Ebenezer G. Andrews and others that Byron Street be paved between certain points of Thomas Howard and others, that South Cedar Street be paved of Thomas Harrison and others that the City would build a Wall on the southern side of Wingham Street of Ebenezer Taylor that the damages awarded to Geo. L. Sudley for raising the grade of Gordon Street may be paid to him of T. W. Andrews and others, that the sidewalks on East Franklin Street may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Newton Place. The Chief of Police reported to the Board a Schedule of assessments for abatement of a nuisance in Newton Place. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

McMahan. Petition of Patrick M^r Mahan for leave to water the streets near Shawmut Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health with full power.

Yendell. Petition of George Yendell and others that a common sewer be laid in Gold Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains

Petition of T. R. Raymond, for 339
leave to purchase a strip of land on the Hancock School House May 15 1834.
at a exchange a piece of land for the same. Referred to the Raymond.
Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred May 18th

Petition of the Boston & Chelsea Chelsea
Rail Road Company for the acceptance by the City Council of said road.
their Act of Incorporation. Referred to Aldermen Dunham, Wil-
liams and Washburn with such as the Common Council may
join, with authority to print said act. Sent down for concurrence.
May 18th Came up concurred, and Messrs Plummer, Hall, J. Davis,
Mahan and Shipman were joined.

Communication from Samuel W. Engineer
H. Stelling resigning his office as Assistant Engineer of the City of the Sept
the Fire Department. Accepted and sent down for concurrence. Signs
Came up concurred May 18th

Petition of J. W. Trull and others Trull.
for lamps in Beverly Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Lamson
Lamson and others against the location of the New School House School house
at East Boston on Belmont Square. Referred to the Committee East Boston.
on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred
May 18th

Communication from Allen Putnam Putnam.
nam Esq and others respecting the condition of the South Bay Bridge,
referred to the Committee on Laying.

Agreeably to the report of the Heller
Committee on the subject of the 10th Street Bridge to be erected

2410 Magical entertainments at the Music Hall on the usual conditions.
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Spinney.

On petition of S. R. Spinney and others that Eighth Street may be graded from K. to M. Streets, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is required thereon in order to grade said street, having already been passed. Read and accepted.

Brudick

Donnelly

On petition of George Brudick to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Broadway, of John Donnelly to be paid for change of grade in the Old Road, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Printing

The Joint Standing Committee on Printing having been authorized by an order of the City Council to advertise for proposals for doing the City Printing, have attended to that duty, and beg to make the following Report: That, after a careful examination of the various proposals received, from various parties, in relation to the City Printing, they recommend that no further action be taken in the matter. For the Committee, George Osborne, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 18th

Tenno Estate

Holman.

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the subject of the wooden building on the Tenno Estate, so called, reported, that no further action is necessary thereon, this Board not having sufficient power to remedy the complaint. Read and accepted.

K. Street

Ordered: That the Superintendent be authorized to grade K. Street from K. Street to its termination Southeasterly.

Ordered: That there be paid 341

to Joseph Davis the sum of Twenty five Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of "Old Road" upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. May 10, 1851.
Davis.

Ordered: That there be paid Harris

to Elijah Harris the sum of Twenty five Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of "Main Street" upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That there be paid Peterson

to John Peterson the sum of Twenty Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of "Main Street" upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

On petition of Edward A. Raymond Raymond

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to raise Brookline Street to its established grade at such time as he shall deem expedient. Brookline Street.

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Howard.

Perry Street.

Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Perry Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Gore.

Dorchester St.

Ordered, That due notice be

given that this Board will, on Monday next, at 4 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Dorchester Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Porter.

Atkinson.

Street.

Ordered, That due notice be given

that this Board will, on Monday next, at 4 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of relaying the common sewer in Atkinson Street from Whanning to High Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Gilbert &

Hammatt.

On petition of Gilbert & Hammatt,

for an order of assessment for construction of a common sewer in Atkinson Street. That the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported

that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

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C. A. Perry was allowed to construct coal holes under the sidewalks in Southac Street; and Richard Bond under the sidewalk in Atkinson Street on the usual conditions.

Perry.

Bond.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Public Buildings, the use of Faneuil Hall was granted to Jacob Steger on Aug 25th and to the Ancient and Honorable Society of the Free and Accepted Masons of the City of Boston on the usual conditions.

Faneuil Hall.

Steger.

Ancient & Hon.

Masons &c.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Officers and members of Engine Company No 6 for the use of the room over their engine house for the purpose of holding their business meetings therein, respectfully report: That to grant the prayer of the petitioners would be a violation of the 26th Section of the Ordinance establishing a Fire Department passed June 24 1851. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. On the Committee W. W. Whitman, Chairman, read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Engine 6.

No 6.

The Committee on laying out and widening streets to whom was referred an order directing them to consider and report upon the expediency of widening Hawley Street from Summer Street to Milk Street, reported, that after a consideration of the plan, it is inexpedient to act in the matter at the present time. Read and accepted.

Hawley

Street.

Whereas Joseph Coolidge has
 May 15. 1854. given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on
 Coolidge Court in Square, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,
 Court in the said and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said
 Square - Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice,
 Court Street. it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said
 Joseph Coolidge that this Board intend to widen the street before men-
 tioned by taking a part of the land now used to be built upon as
 a private and laying out the same as a public street - and that
 Monday the Twenty Second day of May current at four o'clock, P. M.
 is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be
 made thereto.

Howe.

Howe.

On the notices of intention to build
 by George Howe on Devonshire Street - J. E. & N. Mown on Hollis Street,
 the Committee on Streets reported that no further action is required
 as to the lines of said streets, but that the subject be referred to
 the Committee on Paving. Read and accepted.

Patten.

Patten.

On the notices of intention to build
 by John A. Patten on Liberty Street - C. H. Jones and Company on
 Commercial Street the Committee on Streets reported that no further
 action is required as to the lines of said streets, but that the sub-
 ject be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Read
 and accepted.

Black.

On petition of Joseph Black to be
 paid for rent of Armory furnished to the Bay State Militia,
 the Committee on Armories reported that inasmuch as the rent
 of said Armory has been paid to the Commander of said company
 the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Whereas pursuant to an Order 345
of this Board, passed on the fifth day of September 1853, notice hereof May 10 1854.
having first been given a drain has been built in Silver Street Silver
the cost of which was Six hundred and three dollars and ninety Street.
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said
City, there remains Four hundred and fifty four dollars $\frac{3}{4}$ to be
charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is
therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule here-
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they here-
by are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of
the said Drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid their agents or assigns.

Ordered, That the Superin- City lands.
tendent of Lands is hereby ordered to ascertain what person earth from -
or persons have removed large quantities of earth from certain
City lands in South Boston situated upon Dorchester, Seventh and
Eighth Streets, and report the names of such persons to the City
Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances Pearson
to whom was referred the petition of John H. Pearson and others
for a modification of the Ballast Ordinance have considered
the matter, heard the petitioners and respectfully report, that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Charles De-
mond. In Common Council, Read and accepted. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred.

May 15, 1854. ing elected James M. Bad, John A. Cummings and Francis
 Francis B. Winter, (the two former in concurrence) as Overseers of the
 correction House of Correction, said action came up for concurrence, and
 Overseers the ballots having been taken and counted for one Overseer of the
 House of Correction, it appeared that Francis B. Winter was
 elected in concurrence.

Wooden

The Committee on Ordinances

buildings to whom was referred the order to examine and report if any
 more stringent provisions can be enacted by the City Council,
 under existing laws, relative to the erection of wooden buildings
 in this City, or of buildings constructed partly of wood & partly of
 brick, but in a light manner as to be deemed dangerous,
 would Report: That by the present statutes the Mayor and
 Aldermen have now power over all wooden buildings erected in
 the City, to abate them as nuisances if they shall judge best. This
 power undoubtedly extends to buildings constructed partly of wood
 and partly of brick, if the buildings are still so largely composed
 of wood as properly to come under the designation of wooden build-
 ings—this is a question of fact in each particular case. There are, from
 time to time, buildings going up in the City, which, though made
 of brick, are built in a light a manner as to be dangerous,
 and in case of fire, very dangerous to the firemen—over these the
 City has no control by the present statutes. What is needed is an
 Act of the Legislature, giving the Mayor and Aldermen control
 over all buildings erected, so far as to ensure the erection of
 such buildings as will be safe for the citizens. This can only be
 obtained by application to the General Court next year. In the opin-
 ion of your Committee no more stringent provisions on this subject

can be enacted by the City Council, and they ask to be dis- 347.
charged from the further consideration of this subject. In the com- May 12, 1851.
mittee, Charles Demond. In Common Council. Read and accepted.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances Public
to whom was referred the Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance Health
in relation to Public Health would report that the Ordinance is prop- Physician
erly drawn and ought to pass. For the Committee, Charles Demond. For
said Ordinance was accordingly passed in the Common Council.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council Having Phillips
non-concurred with this Board in referring the petition of Phillips : Sheldon
and Sheldon and others to the Committee on Ordinances, and
having voted that the petitioners have leave to withdraw said action
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Communication from the Assessors State
transmitting a Warrant from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth Tax.
for the assessment of a State Tax upon the City of Boston &c. &c. &c.
Referred in Common Council to the Committee heretofore ap-
pointed upon the subject of Appropriations. Came up for concur-
rence. Read and non-concurred, and referred to the Committee on
Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 18

The Common Council Having House of
elected Josiah Curtham, Jr. William Salt, Henry A. Curney, John A. Industry.
Clark, Henry H. Holbrook, White Sergeant, Paul Adams, John Flint,

348. Nathaniel Brewer, John Cowdin, John M. Wright and Peter C. Jones, as Directors of the House of Industry &c. thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of Benson Leavitt, Charles H. Hedman, James W. Stone, Josiah W. Butler, Julian O. Mason, and Samuel S. Perkins. said action came up for concurrence. The ballots having been taken and counted for six Directors of the House of Industry &c. it appeared that Julian O. Mason, Jasper H. York, James W. Stone, John Flint, John Cowdin, and Peter C. Jones were elected. This Board thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the election of Nathl^l Brewer, John M. Wright, and Paul Adams. Sent down for concurrence.

Chauncy

Place

Agreeably to notice George J. Curtis. Charles Jackson by William Dehon, Esq^r. Henry Leach. The First Church by William Hayden Esq^r. Chauncy Hall School by E. F. Thayer, Esq. Wendell Phillips, Esq. appeared and objected to the proposed opening of Chauncy and Bedford Places as a continuous highway. Capt. Eddy, Esq. requested and was granted leave to withdraw his name from the petition in favor of laying out said highway. After a lengthy consideration of the subject, the matter was laid on the table.

Superintendent of
Health

On motion of Alderman Williams the subject of the election of a Superintendent of Health was taken from the table, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that Joseph Sullivan was chosen. This Board thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Ezra Porristall. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Dunham 349.

that the resignation of Alderman Frost was taken from the table and Aug 12 1884.
was accepted by the Board. Whereupon Alderman Dunham offered
the following resolution: "That Frost has resigned
his position as a member of this Board, Therefore, Resolved:
That in accepting his resignation, we regret that we are called
upon to part with so active and faithful an associate, and that
the City loses the services of so valuable a public servant. Resolved:
That his kind and gentlemanly deportment, both in public and
private intercourse, has won our respect and esteem, our confidence
and regard, and that our friendly interest and best wishes go with
him into whatever position he may in future be called to occupy." Passed
unanimously and the City Clerk was directed to enter the same at large
upon the records of this Board and to send a copy thereof to Mr
Frost.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave First Street from Turnpike
Street to A. Street; Also A. Street from First Street to Second
Street, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such
projections on the line of said streets as he shall deem dangerous; also
to close all openings into said streets not secured in accordance with
the Ordinances of the City.

Alderman Dunham offered the following order. (Ordered: That a discount of twenty five per cent
on the price originally agreed to be paid to the City, be allowed and
paid to the owners of lots on Chester Square and Chester Street num-
bering as follows - 1, 8, 10, 11, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 41, 43, 45, 55, 63, 105, as may
improve the same by erecting and completing ready for occupancy,
as per agreement entered into with the City at the time of purchase,

good and substantial dwelling houses within the year 1854. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Funds with instructions to report the facts. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 18th

Hanover
Street.
Turner.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Hanover street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land belonging to Dr Turner, bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by land of Thomas Fair, there measuring one foot and $\frac{55}{100}$ of a foot, Southeastwardly by Hanover Street, forty five feet and $\frac{4}{10}$ of a foot; Southwestwardly by Robinson's Key, $52\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and Northwardly by the proposed line of widening of Hanover Street, said line being drawn straight from the southwest corner of said street and Robinson's Key to the northeast corner of Hanover Street, there measuring with five feet and $\frac{5}{10}$ of a foot; containing forty nine square feet and $\frac{2}{10}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chebrough, dated May 12, 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Hanover street, as aforesaid, will amount to One hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Ordered: That the Wharf of 351.

Shall be directed to notify the abutters on First Street, from Turnpike Street to A. Street: Also A. Street from First to Second Street, First Street. to lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stones within thirty days. A. Street.

The Committee on Paving &c. to North which was referred the order of the 5th instant, in relation to the grade of North Street, between Fleet and Black Streets, rec'd the following Street. order. For the Committee, Geo. J. Williams. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave North Street between Fleet and Black Streets, and make the necessary change of grade, vide page 617, provided he shall receive a written agreement from all the abutters on said street, that they will relinquish all claim for damage upon the City in consequence of said change of grade. Rec'd, accepted and the order passed.

Ordered: That the order passed Andover July 19th 1852. in relation to the paving of Andover Street be and the Street. same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the safety and Broad Street- convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Broad Street- roadman. should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to William H. Boardman, bounded as follows, viz: North- westerly by land of Samuel Linford 100 ft of a foot. Southeastwardly by the said street 92 feet; Southeastwardly by land of Thomas A. Amory, 100 ft of a foot; and Southwardly by the proposed line of widening of said Street 92 feet, containing nineteen square feet and ²²/₁₀₀ of a square foot more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for

152. the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herewith annexed,
and 12.1054. is therefore Ordered That the parcel of land before described be,
and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street
a part of the said city, according to a plan of the said widening
made by Henry C. McKim, dated August 15th 1853, and added to
May 13. 1854. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening
the said street, as aforesaid, will amount to One hundred
and fifty dollars; which sum together with the amount of estimates of
previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the
present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand
dollars.

F. Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade F. street from Seventh street
to the Dorchester line.

Streets
at such
times.

Ordered: That the Committee on
Sinking and repairs of Streets cause provision to be taken with
out delay and maintained, in behalf of the said City, of the street
and portions of streets hereinafter mentioned; and that the
same be used for sewerage, from time to time, as may be deemed
necessary or proper viz: The westerly end of South Street, west
of Turnpike Street, to the Commissioners' line; The Northeastly
end of B. Street from Second street to low water mark; The
northeastly end of C. Street from First street to low water mark;
The northeastly end of D. Street from First street to low water mark;
The northeastly end of E. Street from First street to low water mark;
The northeastly end of F. Street from First street to low water mark;
The northeastly end of G. Street to low water mark; The
northerly end of H. Street to the Public Dock; The northerly end of

J. Street to the Public Dock; The northerly end of K. Street, from 353.
First Street to low water mark; The northerly end of O. Street from May 12/1854
First Street to low water mark; The northerly end of L. Street, from
First Street to low water mark; The northerly end of M. Street, from
First Street to low water mark; The northerly end of N. Street, from
First Street to low water mark; The northerly end of P. Street to low
water mark; The northerly end of Q. Street to low water mark;
The southerly end of each of the following named Street, namely;
Old Harbor Street, G. Street, H. Street, I. Street, K. Street, L. Street, M.
Street, N. Street, O. Street, P. Street and Q. Street, respectively from
Eighth Street to low water mark; The easterly end of each of the
following Streets, viz., First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth
Fifth Street, Sixth Street and Broadway, to low water mark. Ordered,
further, that, whenever the abutters on both sides of any of the above
named Streets shall fill up their yards, the City of Boston will
make the said Streets, as far as the said yards shall be so filled
up, or pay the expense of making the same, and will keep and
maintain the same as public highway for the public use and
benefit.

Alderman Washburn offered Union
the following order. Ordered: That so much of Union Street at the Street.
intersection of Hanover Street as was laid out as a public highway
by a resolve of this Board passed on the 26th of April last, which
resolve passed the Common Council in concurrence on the 27th of
the same month, be and the same is hereby discontinued as a
public highway. On the question of the passage of said order,
the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, Yeas, Al-
dermen Dingley, Drake, Washburn and Williams - 4. Nays, The Mayor,
Aldermen Dunham & Odiorne - 3. So said order was passed.

The ballots having been taken May 15 1854 and counted for a member of this Board to fill the vacancy existing in the Committee on Accounts occasioned by the resignation of Alderman Frost; it appeared that George Osborne was chosen. Sent down.

Fort Hill Corporation.

Alderman Drake was appointed on the Special Committee on the subject of the petition of the Fort Hill Corporation, in place of Alderman Frost resigned.

Public Library Trustee.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Trustee of the Public Library in place of Oliver Frost resigned, it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 6. Necessary for a choice 4. Josiah Durham Jr. had 3. John J. Dingley 2. William Washburn 1. and there was no choice - the subject was then laid on the table.

Ordinance for holding meetings.

Alderman Williams offered the following order. - Ordered: That warrants be issued for meetings of the legal voters of the City in their respective wards on Monday next the 22^d instant at 12 o'clock, M. then and there to give in their ballots for one Alderman, being an inhabitant of said City, in place of Oliver Frost, Esquire, resigned. The Polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock, P.M. which order having been amended by substituting 3 o'clock for 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock for 4 o'clock, was adopted. (amended on page 358)

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, Henry Leeds, John W. Bragdon, James B. Leeds, Edward W. Wellman, James W. Bond, T. H. Pratt, Lemuel A. Wiley - were appointed Police Officers of the City.

On nomination by the Mayor, 355.

The following named persons were appointed on the 12th day of May 1854.

Division - Joshua W. Adams, Isaac Bullard, Hiram T. Bean, David
Hindell, Lorenzo Butler, J. H. Brown, Samuel Gere, W. S. Jewell, Benjamin
B. Eastman, James V. Gendell, Daniel Hancock, John Hurley,
Harvey Pierce, V. C. Jewell, Luther B. Pierce, Benjamin Rich-
ardson, Joseph P. Storey, B. Taylor, J. B. Whitten, Thomas Mel-
son, Nathaniel Thiel, Stephen Audis. East Boston Division - Em-
than Aiken, W. D. Barrett, Noah Bosworth, Sylvester Brown, D.
P. Crocker, Sumner Dillingham, Jonathan Hopkins, Medore Manuel,
William Bray, J. A. Rogers, R. A. Jewsbury, C. W. Tucker,
W. H. Simmonds. East Division - G. W. Allen, H. Avery,
W. C. Allen, R. W. Bartlett, W. T. Bean, John E. Bartlett,
D. S. Boutman, Jesse Fowler, H. C. Henry, M. Harris, J. J.
Jones, A. A. Kemp, G. W. Lowell, William Russell, Josiah Mc Glen-
athan, J. L. Neal, H. Putnam, J. A. Richardson, Isaiah
Stoddard, William B. Scott, S. Smith, C. H. Tule, C. H. Wright,
B. Hartford, S. T. Jones, G. P. Nutter, J. C. Barton, G.
C. Boothby, E. P. Gould, William Milcull, Hongo Orne. South Divis-
ion, George Ayer, Hearn Kearney, John G. Cook, T. C. Crawford,
C. H. Lane, C. Cheney, Charles H. Ingin, J. C. H. Wash-
ington Grant, Luther Hunt, Charles Morris, Thomas S. Perkins, Dan-
iel Rowe, Cyrus Small, J. S. Thomas, Abraham Whitney, Sylvester
Adams, Benjamin P. Miller. North Division, Andrew Mc Intire,
J. H. Lane, C. H. Lane, J. H. Lane, C. H. Lane, C. H. Lane,
Houdry, Jory Gordon, E. Dow, Hiram B. Edworth, G. W. Hutchinson,
J. H. Lane, C. H. Lane, J. H. Lane, C. H. Lane, C. H. Lane,
Rice, Jackson Riggs, Albert Strander, Samuel Smith, Robert Sutton,
Robert Thout, Charles Tasker, James Jellison, Daniel Ross, Porter S.

556. Hipp. Leese & Coll. Boylston Division. A. L. Atkins I. W. Butler.

4. Troughton. 6. G. H. New. 7. J. H. Perkins. 8. M. Hill.

Robert Porter William H. Pratt. John H. Page. J. H. L. Jones

Charles Carr. H. P. Lye. John. Totten. Richard Long. A. M. Morse.

John Spurr, Isaac B. Kimball, Geo. Kewick, George Smith, John

L. C. ...

Howard. A. N. Lincoln.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the seventeenth day of May A.D. 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Allen and Odiorne.

Petition of Fowler, Rogers & Co. for leave to reduce the sidewalk in the passageway to their wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. G. Kidder and others for the extension of Pearl River Street upward to the Committee on Streets.

Agreeably to notice the New York Central Rail Road Company of N. Y. & N. J. - which is George G. Brown, Charles Pratt, Thomas Burr, Philip Venners, appeared before this Board on the subject of the assessment of damages sustained by the location and construction of the said New York Central Railroad: after a hearing of the parties, the case was continued to Thursday May 19th at 10 o'clock. The

Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening streets ascertain what interest the City has in the Turn Ship canal leading from Commercial Street to low water mark, or Commissioners line, and if the City has any interests in the same to consider the expediency of disposing of that interest with a reservation for sewerage. Said Committee to act with full power in the matter of selling or exchanging the same provided they think the City's interest will be

350 promoted by such sale or exchange said Committee to report to May 17, 1854 the Board what disposition they make of the same.

Hamilton
Alley
Samuel Stanger Richard Marsh Elizabeth Childs William Down
Elizabeth Childs John Nelson John Gaudin James H. Burgess and whereas
Brian it appears that said parties having been duly notified, have
Nelson neglected to abate said nuisance by the construction of a proper
drain for their said tenements it is therefore Ordered: That the
Burgess Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to cause
a proper and sufficient drain to be constructed for the said
tenements at the expense of the said several parties.

South Bay
Spands. On motion of Alderman Williams
the report of the Joint Special Committee on Public Spands on
the subject of the South Bay Spands was taken from the table,
and the order appended thereto (as recorded page 317.) was
passed, sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 1.

Hard
meetings. On motion of Alderman Dun-
time changed ham, the Board re-considered the vote concerning the day and
time of election for the choice of an Alderman in place of Alder-
man Frost resigned and the time of opening the Polls was
fixed at 12 o'clock M. and of closing the same at 4 PM. instead
of 2 and 7 o'clock PM as originally determined.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock PM

At a meeting of the Board 359
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the Twenty second day of May Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen,

Petition of the Independent Gunns.

Company of Cadets for leave to occupy a portion of the Common
on the 31st of May, and for aid of some Police Officers. Referred to
the Mayor with full power.

Petition of John P. Ober and Ober.

1302 others for the widening of Union Street at corner of Sumner Street.
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Richardson, Richardson

Pesby & Co and others for the extension of Friend Street. Referred to Friend Street.
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Nisk Russell and Russell.

others for a sewer in National Street of Wth Richardson and Richardson
others, for a Sewer in Orange Lane of Reuben T. Gray and others, Gray
for a Sewer in Ohio Place of Ober Parker and others that a Sewer Parker
may be constructed in lot that between East and North Street
of Wth P. Jewksbury that the Sewer in Harrison Avenue may be lower-
ed. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of James F. Goodridge Goodridge

for abatement of a nuisance in National Street. Referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Constantine Doherty Doherty.

for compensation for damages occasioned by the change of grade
in J. Street; of Elizabeth Dinsmore to be paid for damages occa-
sioned by the change of grade in J. Street.

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ioned by change of grade in Dedham Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving

Evans.
Butler.
Hick.
Hammond.
Hick.
Hick.
Petition of William Evans others,
for the acceptance of Ullica Street, from Beach to Lehigh Streets; - of
Hick, Hick and Hick that a toll-gate should be opened, of Hick
Hick for the grade of custom street that of Thomas Hammond
for leave to construct a wall in under the sidewalk in Everett
Street of A. G. G. and others for leave to place warning posts in
the sidewalk of Charles Street - of Stowell and Butler for a wall
hole under the sidewalk in West Cedar Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Spalding.
Petition of Spalding and Rogers
for exhibition of a Circus Company in the Public Garden for four
days in June next. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Brown
Petition of H. A. Brown for leave to
exhibit a series of Dioramic Pictures at Amory Hall. Referred to
the Committee on Licenses

Cambridge
Rail Road.
Petition of the Cambridge Rail Road
Company, for a location of their track through certain streets of the
City. Referred to Aldermen Odiorne, Drake and Washburn.

Willis.
Lincoln
Hall.
Petition of Clement Willis and others
for the use of Faneuil Hall, July 24th for a dinner of the Unionian
Association. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on
the part of this Board with full power.

Auctioneer.
Michael Jones was appointed an
Auctioneer of the City.

Petition of Paul L. Wallis for 261

removal of restrictions from Lot A 11 Union Park. Referred to the May 22, 1881,
Committee on Public Lands Sent down for concurrence. Came up Wallis.
Council July 1

Communication from the Board House of
of Overseers of the House of Correction respecting the inadequacy of Correction.
the accommodations for Male Prisoners at the House of Correction. Referred
to the Mayor and Alderman Dunham.

Agreeable to the reports of Crumple
the Committee on Licenses, leave was granted to the Crumple Minshel.
shels to give a series of Concerts at the Melodeon - to Benjⁿ Miles Miles.
to exhibit Paintings at Amory Hall - and to Dodworth's Band Dodworth
to give a Concert at the Music Hall, May 23^d

On petition of Michael M^o M^o Donnell.
Donnell for an Auctioneers license, the Committee on Licenses
reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw he being an un:
naturalized citizen. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Fire
Fire Department to which was referred the communication of Crum
of Jones & Co and John R. Crum, giving notice of their intention
to build on Bartlett's Wharf and Broadway Street, reported that the Board
of Engineers have been notified to instruct said parties that
they must regard the restrictions and regulations of the Ordinance
relating to the erection of wooden buildings and conform to the
same. Read and accepted.

On petition of the Despatch En- Despatch En-
gine Company A 11 for leave to change the name of said Company Despatch En-
a and of "American Engine Company" the Committee on the Company.

May 22, 1854. The Department reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Harrison
Barton.
Andrews.

On petition of Thomas Harrison & others, that the City would build a wall on the southerly side of Hingham Street - of Mary Ann Barton to be compensated for damages sustained in Cold Harbor Street - of E. G. Andrews that Byron Street be graded between certain points, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

C. Street.
Helen.

On the petition of Luther Tellen and son - Ordered that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave C. Street, between Broadway and Fourth Street, in conformity with the established grade, and to remove all obstructions on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Howler

On the petition of Fowler Rogers & or leave to reduce the sidewalk in the passageway to their wharf 62 Sheafe Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the work be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets. Read and accepted.

Washburn
Washington
Court.

On the petition of George B. Washburn and others, the Committee on Paving reported in favor of accepting Washington Court whenever the abutters thereon give the City a written obligation that they will not make any claim for damages against the City in consequence of any change of grade which may be deemed necessary of said Street. Read & accepted.

On the petition of George Howe 363

ordered that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to widen the line of the sidewalk on the westerly side of Devonshire Street, in such manner as he shall deem expedient, provided, that George Howe shall straighten the line of his estate on the said easterly side of said Devonshire Street, and give it deed to the City of the Land thrown into the street.

Leave was granted to J. E. W. Brown to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Hollis Street.

On the petition of Thomas M. Howard Howard

Howard and others, that South Cedar Street be paved, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Sewers & Airbanks

Grains to whom was recommended the order of notice concerning the proposed construction of the Common Sewer in Bedford Street, reported, that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets who Foster

were directed by an order of May 17 to inquire into the subject of the disposal of the Foster Street Slip reported the following order of notice. Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Foster Street, so far as the same lies between Commercial Street and the Commissioners Spine or low water mark, should be discontinued as a public street, it is therefore hereby ordered that due notice is given to E. N. Chaddock, W. T. Andrews as Agent of Harvard College, and John E. Thayer & N. Thayer, that this Board intend to discontinue the

Full Elections, suitable ballot boxes for each Ward of the City, which shall be better adapted for the purpose than those now in use.

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The Committee on Public Lands German

to whom was referred the petition of the German Congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity, that the City would aid them in the erection of a suitable edifice by a change in the terms of payment for their lot, having considered a that said petition and report, in favor of the passage of the following order. For the Committee, John S. Chapin, Chairman, moved, that the payment of the next instalment, which is due from the German Congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity upon the lot of land on the corner of Fremont and Garden Streets, which was sold to them by the City, be and the same is hereby postponed for two years. Accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 25.

Ordered: That there be paid Page

to Eliza P. Page the sum of Seventy Five Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of said lot and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation following &c. Ordered, That the order passed on the 14th instant to pay to Eliza P. Page the sum of Seventy Five Dollars for said change of grade be and the same hereby be amended.

Chapin

Whereas, in the opinion of Ship Chapin. the same the ship quays, from foreign goods and imported goods.

366 Having the small Pox on board, so as to endanger the public
July 2. 1827 health, therefore Ordered That said ship remain at Quarantine
off Deer Island and be thoroughly purified, at the expense of the
owners, consignees or persons in possession of the same, and that
the passengers in said ship be removed to the Hospital on Deer Is-
land. Ordered: That all expenses incurred at the Quarantine in
cleaning vessels, clothing or cargo, ordered necessary in conse-
quence of the sickness of passengers, officers or crew, shall in
all cases be at the expense of the owners or consignees hereafter.
Ordered, That from this date, all emigrant passengers arriving at the
Quarantine Ground in Boston Harbor, who may be sick, shall
be transferred to Rainsford Island where a State Hospital is
prepared for their accommodation, and in the vessel in which
they were brought, if practicable; but if the depth of the water is
not sufficient to allow the vessel to approach Rainsford Island
near enough for landing them, they shall be conveyed in the
sloop belonging to Deer Island, and the expense thereof charg-
ed to the Commencement in case the Commissioners of said Emi-
grants neglect to provide a prompt, ready and safe conveyance
for those who are ordered to be landed for medical assistance.

Merry.
Pond Street
Place.

The Board being satisfied that
a certain tenement being number 2 on Pond Street Place
is not provided with a suitable vault, Therefore Ordered, That
due notice be given to John Merry, owner thereof, that said owner
is hereby required to cause a proper and sufficient vault to be
constructed for such tenement, within six days from the date here-
of.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, 367

the report of the Joint Special Committee on the subject of the Steam Fire Engine was taken from the table, and the Board voted to adhere to the first amendment made in the order of said Special Committee April 17th last, - the Board also voted to adhere to the third amendment proposed to said order on the same day - sent down for concurrence.

Alderman O'Brien moved to reconsider the vote just taken on the foregoing subject: which motion was rejected by the following vote. - Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Burman - who and O'Brien 4. Nays Aldermen Allen, Dingley, Washburn and Williams 4.

The Common Council having concurred with the Board in all the amendments proposed in the Salary Bill, with the exception of Sections 11 / Judges of the Police Court / 10 / Water Registrar / and 12. / Police / said matters came up for action - whereupon this Board adhered to its previous votes on Sections 10. and 12. but receded from its former vote on Section 18. and concurred with the Common Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of The Middlesex Rail Road Company for the acceptance of their Act of Incorporation - referred to the Committee on the petition of the London and Chelsea Rail Road Company in concurrence.

The ballots having again been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Health, it appeared that Joseph Holburn was elected, this Board, thereby non-concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Ezra Torridale. Sent down for concurrence.

In conformity with the order of the 1st instant the Auditor of Accounts presented to the Board a detailed Statement of the cost of the Gas Lamps & Gas Lamps and of lighting and extinguishing the same during the last year. Read and placed on file.

Sewers & Drains Alderman Williams resigned as a member of the Committee on Sewers and Drains

Spands at South Town. The Common Council Having receded from its vote of March 30. referring the order concerning the sale of Public Lands in North Town to the Committee on Public Lands, and concurred with this Board in the passage of said order with the following amendment. At the end "instructed" and insert "authorized" - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. (See page 152)

Spands at Southern City. The Common Council having receded from its former vote of March 30. referring the order concerning the sale of Public Lands at the Southern section of the City, to the Committee on Public Lands, and having concurred with this Board in the passage of said order with the following amendments - At A. strike out "instructed" and insert "authorized". At B. strike out "reasonably". said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. (See page 153)

Goodridge. Agreeably to notice Joseph Goodridge appeared to the Court of his attorney, and objected to the proposed widening of Garden Square by taking the Land after which the Subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets with full power.

The ballots having been taken

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and counted for an Auditor of Accounts, it appeared that Elisha
Lepeland was elected on the part of this Ward. And drawn for
concurrence. Came up concurred May 25th

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Ward.

No persons appearing to ob-

Dorchester

ject to the proposed construction of the Common Courts in Dorchester
and say that as to the clearing of the Alkinner Street near
between High and Channing Streets - said subjects were recom-
mended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains, with full power.

Ward.

Alkinner St.

Ordered, That the Joint Spe-

Revised

cial Committee on the City Charter cause a sufficient number of
copies of the Revised City Charter as enacted by the Legislature of
1851 to be printed for distribution among the citizens together with
such remarks upon the changes proposed as they shall deem
proper for the explanation of such changes - and also to prepare
the forms of the propositions in which said Charter shall be
submitted to the people and report to the City Council. Passed in
Common Council, Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred -
and Alderman Drake was appointed on said Committee in
place of Alderman Post, resigned.

Charter.

A certificate from the Common

Five

Council stating that that branch had elected Frederick A. Colburn
as Master Engineer in place of Henry V. Sutting resigned
Came up for concurrence: and the ballots having been taken
and counted it appeared that F. A. Colburn was elected in
concurrence.

Department.

Engineer.

Whereas pursuant to an order

Ward.

of this Board, passed on the twenty eighth day of April 1851

Ward.

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May 22. 1854. public notice thereof having first been given, a drain has been laid in Newton Place the cost of which was One Hundred and forty two Dollars and twenty four cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice being given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Hatch.
Parker.
Love Street. Ordered, That the collection of the assessment laid upon the heirs of Jacob Hatch, and upon Peter Parker for their proportional part of the cost of constructing the Common Sewer in Love Street be and the same is hereby postponed until the first day of December 1854.

Special
Police. On nomination by the Mayor, P. H. Hilliston was appointed a Special Police Officer to take charge of immigrants whenever called upon to do so to the City, and William Weather was appointed a Special Police Officer for Williams Market.

Field Drivers. On nomination by the Mayor, Aaron Pond and Ira E. Sanborn were appointed Field Drivers and Daniel Rogers was in place of H. B. Hastings resigned. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 25th.

Police
Deputies. On nomination by the Mayor, Chief of Police Luther A. Ham and Hezekiah Earl were appointed 1st and 2^d Police Deputies.

On motion of Alderman 371

Williams the Board reconsidered the vote usually the report of the Committee on Streets, that no further action is required on the subject of widening Hawley Street, ^{was accepted.} and the subject was then laid on the table. Hawley Street.

Alderman Ediorne moved that a Special Committee be appointed to carry out the advice and order of the City Council of April 2, 1884, for the widening of Union Street. Alderman Williams moved that the motion be laid on the table until Thursday next and the question being required thereon both were taken as follows: Aye: Aldermen, Alderman Ediorne. Aye said motion to lay on the table prevailed. Union Street.

On nomination by the Mayor Constables the several Constables of the Widen were appointed by the Board as follows. East Division. Asa Morrill, George M. King, Oliver Whitcomb. North Division. Edward H. Savage, Arnold C. Whitcomb. John W. Spawson. West Division. Samuel G. Adams, John L. Hawkey. Simon P. Wright. Brighton Division. William C. Cadden, John L. Hunt. George W. W. Rogers. South Division. Joseph S. Gay, James P. Rice, George W. Allen. South Boston Division. John L. Philbrick, Jack Strick, Frank J. Carr. East Town Division. William C. Cadden, James P. Adams, John L. Hunt.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction submitted to the City Council two reports in part one being city document No. 11 being in favor of the establishment of one central high school in Widen. A committee from the Common Council with the following Resolve appended High School.

There, resolved: That the whole subject be referred to the School Committee for further consideration. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment. Strike out all after the word Resolved, and insert the following: That the foregoing report be transmitted to the School Committee as an expression of the opinion of the City Council in favor of the establishment of a system of High School Instruction for Girls, within said City. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred May 25.

High School
for Girls.

The other printed report of the foregoing Committee being laid upon the table, the Committee reported on the subject of the High School for Girls, in its many different sections of the city, came up from the Common Council with the following resolve appended thereto. Resolved, that the whole subject be referred to the School Committee for further consideration. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment;—Strike out all after the word Resolved, and insert as follows:—Resolved, that in the opinion of the City Council it is expedient that four High Schools for Girls should be established in the City of Boston. Resolved, that whenever the School Committee shall establish four High Schools for Girls, it will be the duty of the City Council to provide suitable and proper accommodations for them at the Northern and Southern Sections of the City and at South Boston and at East Boston, in conformity with the plan submitted in the foregoing report. Sent down for concurrence. (See page 394.)

mitted on Public Instruction, to which was added an order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, April 3^d 1854 and concurred in by the Common Council, April 10, 1854, that the Committee on Public Instruction investigate and report, if any children entitled to the benefits of our public schools are unjustly excluded therefrom, have attended to the subject, and Report. As some objection was made to the passage of this order, upon the ground that the subject matter embraced in it was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the City Council, and belonged exclusively to the School Committee, it may not be amiss to say a few words, upon the relation these two branches of the City Government bear to each other. Both are elected by the people, and while to the School Committee the whole interior management of the schools is committed, the money, the very life blood which keeps them in motion, can only be procured by the action of the City Council. Not a school house can be built, till the City Council specially authorize it - they can at any time limit the payment of the salaries of the teachers, and virtually close the schools if they see fit, and are responsible for the exercise of this power only to the people. By the first rules and orders of the City Council, a Committee on Public Instruction, to consist of the Mayor, two Aldermen, and the President and four members of the Common Council, is required to be appointed annually; there is no record of the duties and responsibilities of this Committee, but, by common consent and long usage, it has grown to be the medium through which the School Committee communicate with the City Council. It is obvious such a Committee has something to do with the Public Schools, or it would not have been created; and though it is to be regretted, that those

374. duties have not been more clearly defined, it is apparent to us
that if the Committee has no authority over the school man
agement, the school, the duty of advising with the School Com-
mittee, unquestionably being, to it. It is for our purpose to
argue this point at length, it appears to us that the bare state-
ment of the fact, must carry conviction with it. Assuming,
then, the advising power of the Committee on Public Instruction, it
was eminently appropriate, that the subject referred to in the
order, should be committed to this Committee, and if treated
in a proper spirit, we anticipate much good will result from
the discussion. Seeming it necessary to say thus much, to show
that the subject was legitimately before us, we come now to the
important questions involved in the order under consideration.
Some time in the fall of the year 1853, a lad, named Pindall,
whose parents were of African descent, but whose mixture of Indian
and White blood in their offspring would hardly lead any one
to suspect his origin, was admitted to a Primary School of
which Mrs. Turner was the teacher, and Mr. Andrew Cushing
the local Committee. After a day or two, it was discovered that
he was of colored parentage, and he was told by the Committee or
the teacher, that he could not be allowed to attend there any longer,
he accordingly left. Incidentally meeting the lad at the office of the
City Solicitor some time afterwards, some of the Committee on
Public Instruction were astonished, that any objection should
be expressed at the admission of the boy to any of our public
schools, as few would suspect, without a close examination, that
he had "African blood in his veins. A knowledge of these facts
led to the offering of the order now before us. We do not propose
to pursue this case any further, as legal proceedings have been

instituted against the City on account of the expulsion of the
child, and therefore, whatever may be our feelings and opinions, 372
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we deem it our duty, now that it is before a legal tribunal,
to refrain from any expression of opinion, either upon this case in
particular, or upon the more general question, what legal rights
a member of the Primary Board, or the Board itself, could have,
to take any step in such a matter. Upon the general question
of the exclusion of colored children from our public schools, we feel
that we have a right to express ourselves, respectfully, but firmly.
In no other city or town in the Commonwealth, is any distinction
made in admitting children to the public schools on the ground
of color, and it will perhaps surprise members of the City Council
to be informed, that no rule or regulation excluding colored chil-
dren from our schools exists, as will appear from the following
certificates from the Secretary of the Primary School Committee,
Charles Demond, Esq. and from the Secretary of the Grammar School
Committee, Barnard Capen, Esq. Mr Demond's certificate. Boston, May
5. 1854. I have examined the records of the Primary School Com-
mittee, and find no vote forbidding the admission of the colored
children into any Primary School. Charles Demond, Secretary.
Mr Capen's certificate. I have examined carefully the records
of the School Committee, from 1792 to the present time, and do not
find on said records any rule, resolution or order, excluding
colored children from the Grammar Schools. In the year 1832, how-
ever, a colored citizen of East Boston, petitioned to be allowed
to send his children to the Chapman School, urging as a prom-
inent reason, the expense of the Ferry. The Board did not grant
this petition, but procured a free pass for the children at the Ferry.
Barnard Capen Secretary. Notwithstanding these certificates, there

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ever, it is well known, that practically, colored children, of age suitable for admission to the Grammar Schools, are excluded from them all, except the Smith School, which is situated in the neighborhood where resides the moiety of our colored citizens, and is of difficult, if not impracticable, access to those who reside at a distance from its locality. In some of the Primary Schools, we rejoice to know that colored children are admitted on precisely the same principles that regulate the admission of other children, and that no injurious effects have followed, either to the school, the teacher, or the children. Everything proceeds with harmony, pleasantness and success, and it is a qualifying thought that the children of these schools will grow up without that unchristian prejudice against color, now so prevalent in the community. The experience of those familiar with the operation of the same system in other towns and cities of the Commonwealth, where no distinction of color exists in the schools, is uniformly to the same purpose. If, then, it works beneficially, both in our Primary Schools in Boston and in all the Public Schools in other parts of the Commonwealth, it may well be asked, "why would it not work well in all the Public Schools of Boston, both Grammar and Primary?" We believe such a system would succeed, and we therefore earnestly entreat the School Committee to give it a fair trial, and to grant permits to colored, as well as white, children to enter the schools nearest their residences. By the decision of the Supreme Court, delivered by Chief Justice Shaw, in the case of *Robert v. City of Boston*, the right to establish and consequently to abolish a separate school for colored children, is declared to be vested in the School Committee, and we feel that they ought to exercise that right in accordance with

the progress of the age of humanity, and of Christianity. We can see
no objection to such a course of action, while there are many reasons
which would favor its adoption. The laws of the State, in their
spirit and expression, are clearly adverse to any separation
or exclusion of colored children from the benefits of common
education. The Legislature, in the enactment of the first law,
has uniformly acted upon the principle of the equality of all the
members of the State, of whatever color or condition. By an
act passed as late as May, 1852, it is provided, (section 1st) that, "Every
person who shall have any child under his control, between the
ages of eight and fourteen years, shall send such child to
some public school, within the town or city in which he resides,
during at least twelve weeks in each and every year." Section
2. "Every person who shall violate the provisions of the first
section of this act, shall forfeit to the use of such town or city,
a sum not exceeding twenty dollars." By a subsequent act, pass-
ed during the same year, it is provided that "any minor between
the ages of six and fifteen years, convicted of not attending school,
or of growing up in ignorance, may be committed to the House
of Reformation, or County Jail, at the discretion of the Court." Here
is an imperative order laid upon all the colored and the white
to give a proper education to their children - and the doors of
our public schools should be thrown wide open to all, without dis-
tinction, without decision. But if a colored child at East Bos-
ton, or South Boston, or at the remote North or South End, should
seek to enter, he would be denied admittance, and pointed to the
colored Public School, as the only place where he could receive
an education at the public expense. It would be physically im-
possible for him to comply with the request, and seek his educa-

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can then, and the result would be he must grow up in ignorance, and subject himself to the penalties of the laws of the Commonwealth. The injustice of such regulations is too apparent to be argued, and we earnestly appeal to the School Committee to remedy it. Every friend of law and order should be in favor of allowing all classes of citizens to participate equally, as well as generally, in the privileges of our public schools; for our republican government is founded upon the general intelligence of our citizens. The people cannot be expected to obey the laws, if they are not allowed the means of being made acquainted with them, therefore their education is of primary importance, not only that they may know what the statutes are that they must obey, but that they may also know the advantages of a well ordered, obedient community, in developing the morality, the prosperity and the happiness of all. The School Committee could confidently count upon the support of that large and intelligent body of the community, who favor law and order. The destruction of the spirit of caste now engendered in the exclusive system, would be hailed by them as a conservative step in the administration of our school affairs. The continuation of the exclusive system in this enlightened age and in this philanthropic city, is doing more injury to that common civic system, which is our pride and strength, than any other influence. It creates a prejudice against a class of inoffensive citizens, which will serve to develop a still stronger prejudice against another and a larger class. A distinction is continually apparent at the door of certain parks in our city and it is hinted that the school fund should be divided, as some of our religious sects are anxious to have their share,

and establish separate schools. With one voice the Committee 379
would say, "it is an unwise request;" and it doubtless is so, but May 22. 1854.
the favor asked is founded upon the same general principle, as
is this system which excludes colored children from the benefits
of all our grammar school instruction and from that of many of
our primary schools. Let us, then, pursue that judicious course that
would tend to destroy this prejudice of class against class, and re-
cure to all our citizens, of whatever color or creed, equal rights
and equal privileges. We might continue this subject at much
greater length, but enough we think has been said to show the
advantages of placing the cap-stone of equality upon the fair
and noble fabric of our common school system of education. To the
gentlemen of the School Committee we refer the whole subject,
earnestly beseeching them to look upon it with candor, and
to give it their cool and impartial consideration; and we trust
that their decision may be of such a nature, that, if Boston
is to be the last place in Massachusetts to abolish the separation
of races in conducting her school system of education, we may
at least have the pride of knowing that she is the first of all the
large cities in the Union, to establish the great fact of the equal
right of all to participate in the benefits of a common school
education. The Committee recommend the passage of the follow-
ing order. For the Committee, Geo. J. Williams. Ordered, That the
foregoing Report be transmitted to the School Committee, ^A as an
expression of the opinion of the City Council, together ^B with the
wish, that the subject may receive at their hands, an early and
candid consideration. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be
printed.

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Tale.

Committee

to report.

It was Ordered, that when the Board adjourns, it be to Tuesday (tomorrow) at 4 o'clock P.M. and that a Committee be appointed to examine the return of votes given in this day for an Alderman, and to report at that time. Aldermen Williams and Drake were appointed said Committee and the Board.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty third day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Washburn.

Motion

Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen

That a sewer may be laid in Washington Street where none now exists. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Parker

Petition of Charles S. Parker & others

for removal of a wooden building N. by Charles Street to Lime Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Motion

Tale

Bonds of

Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen

That the bonds be approved which were referred to the Committee on Licenses.

was granted to Spalding, Rogers & Co for a circus company use 1244 May 25, 1854.
15th and they were also allowed to exhibit at South Boston on the 14th and at East Boston on the 20th of June; to pay for the same, \$300. Rogers & Co

Petition of Whilson, Richardson
& Co and others for abatement of a nuisance in North Centre
Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Whilson

Leave was granted H. A.
Brown to exhibit Dioramic Pictures at Amory Hall on the usual
conditions. Brown

Whereas, the Proprietors of the
New North Church have given notice to the Board of their inten-
tion to erect buildings on Clark Street, in the said City; and, in the
opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabi-
tants require that the said Street should be widened at the place
described in the said notice, it is therefore Herely Ordered, That
our notice be given to the said Trustees of said New North Church
that they should intend to widen the said Street by taking
a part of the Land now about to be built upon as afore-
said, and laying out the same as a public Street - and that
Monday, the Twenty ninth day of May current at four o'clock,
P.M. is appointed as the time for hearing and deciding whether
may be made thereto. Clark Street
New North
Church

The Committee appointed to
examine the returns of votes given in the several Wards on Mon-
day last for an Alderman in place of Alderman Post resigned
reported, that the whole number of votes was 2932 of which Abel
Alderman
elected.

302. Munroe has the largest number (1905) and is accordingly elected. Read and accepted, and the City Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Munroe of his election.

Order

Read

It appearing to the Board that one Daniel G. Moore voted illegally in Ward A^o 10 at the recent election, said subject was referred to the foregoing Committee (Aldermen Williams and Drake) with instructions to confer with the City Solicitor and to report to this Board.

State

Petition of Joseph Hale Jr for license to keep an Intelligence Office at 442 Second St. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Adjourned to Thursday next at four o'clock, P.M.

~~The meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.~~

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Alderman
qualified.

Abel B. Munroe, Esq. Alderman elect, appeared, and was qualified by His Honor the Mayor, who administered to him the oaths of office required by law.

Notes

~~Petition of Thomas F. Hale and others for license to keep a saloon at 1000 State St. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.~~

Petition of George Throckmold
to be paid for land taken to widen Ferry Street and of the same
for and he should receive for the damages sustained by him
in consequence of land taken to widen Ferry Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Buttrick & Co. & others
that Charles Street be extended northward. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Streets.

Petition of George B. Carlwright
and others for a Gas Pump in Lawrence Place. Referred to the
Committee on Pumps.

Petition of Samuel Adams &
for the extension of the Sewer and Drains with full power.

Leave was granted to Howell
& Butler and to Artemas Hammond to construct Coal Slides under
the sidewalks of West Cedar and Everett Streets.

Ordered: That due notice be
given to the abutters upon the street hereinafter named by the pub-
lication of an attested copy of this order in the newspapers pub-
lished in the cities of Boston and Roxbury, fourteen days at least
prior to the location hereinafter mentioned that they may show
cause, if any there be, why the tracks of the Metropolitan Rail
road Company should not be located and constructed as here-
inafter specified in the said act: and that within the time
aforesaid any objection to the location of the tracks in the
aforesaid cities may be made thereto. The said tracks are to be located as follows: Two

204. tracks in Washington street, from the boundary line between the
Jul 23, 1854. cities of Boston and Roxbury to Dover Street; One track in Wash-
ington street, from Dover Street to Boylston Street; One track in
Boylston street, from Washington Street to Tremont Street; Two tracks
in Tremont Street, from the boundary line between Boston and
Roxbury to the Boston and Worcester Railroad Bridge crossing;
One track in Tremont street, from the Boston and Worcester
Railroad Bridge crossing to Boylston street; Two tracks in Tremont
street, from Boylston Street to a point opposite the Granary Bur-
ying Ground; One track in Tremont street, from the said point
opposite the Granary Burying Ground to a point in front of
Kolley's Building; One track in Shawmut Avenue from
the boundary line between Boston and Roxbury to Dover Street;
One track in Springfield street, from Washington Street to Tre-
mont street; One track in Waltham Street from Washington street
to Tremont street. One track in Gore Street, from Washington
Street to Tremont street; One track in Warren Street, from
Washington street to Tremont street. And the stations of the
said Metropolitan Railroad Company are to be as follows:
One on the corner of Concord Street and Shawmut Avenue;
One on the corner of Tremont and Northampton Streets; One on
the west side of Washington street on the corner of Northampton
Street; One on the east side of Washington street, on the corner of
Concord street; One on the west side of Washington street, on
the corner of Warren Street; One on the corner of Shawmut
Avenue and Canton Street; One on the corner of Dover and
Washington streets; One on the corner of Dover Street and
Shawmut Avenue; One on the corner of Dover and Tremont
Streets.

Smith to whom was referred the petition of James H. Corbridge May 22, 1854.
for a Common Lane in Bedford Street report, that the Supervisor
President of Common Council be and he is hereby directed to
cause a Common Lane to be constructed in said Street and
to assess the cost thereof according to law. Accepted.

A plan of the location of the
extension of the Fitch and Lowell rail road and Hummel
Square, was laid in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen of Bos-
ton, May 24, 1854. Said Location is as follows: Commencing at the
boundary line between Suffolk and Middlesex County at a point
51 ft. westerly from the centre line of the Eastern Rail Road Bridge
as now built thence southerly parallel with said E. R. R. Bridge
to the South line of Causeway Street thence westerly to Friend
Street east line thence by said line southerly to Traverse Street
thence easterly by Traverse Street to centre line of the Block be-
tween Friend and Canal Streets thence northerly by said centre
line to Causeway Street thence by South line of Causeway St. to
a point 33 ft. from the first described line thence parallel with
the same to the line between Suffolk and Middlesex Counties
thence by said line to the point of commencement taking for the
said Location the Area within the above described lines. Geo. W.
Lyman, President. J. Tho^s Stevenson, Treasurer. Thomas P. Tenney,
Clerk. Boston & Lowell Rail Road Corporation, W^m S. Barrett, Engineer.
Referred to Aldermen Allen, Williams and Munroe.

Lowell
Rail Road
Location.

Ordered: That John A. Osborn, Po-
lice Officer, be and he hereby is authorized and appointed a special
commissioner.

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the shops, premises and stock of any and all licensed dealers in second hand articles, and to see that such persons conform to the laws and orders made for their regulation.

Cambridge

Rail Road.

The Special Committee of this Board to which was referred the petition of the Cambridge Rail Road Company for a location of their track through certain streets of the City, report the following order of notice. For the Committee, George Odiorne Chairman. On petition of the Cambridge Railroad Company asking leave to locate their Railroad track in Cambridge, Court, Tremont, Boylston and Charles Streets, also in Chambers and Green Streets to Bowdoin Square: Ordered, That the petitioners give notice to the abutters on said streets, that the prayer of the said petition will be considered and acted upon by this Board, on the twenty ninth day of June next, at four o'clock P.M., at which time all parties interested may then and there appear and show cause, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted, and that the said notice be given by publishing this order in the Boston Post, Boston The Daily News and Boston Commonwealth fourteen days successively, the last publication to be on or before the said twenty ninth day of June. Accepted and the order passed.

Union

Street.

Alderman Odiorne offered the following Resolte and Order. Whereas, in the opinion of this Board, the order to discontinue so much of Union Street as was taken and laid out as a Public Highway by the City Council April 27. 1854. is informal and illegal, and that, therefore, no portion of said street has been discontinued thereby, and whereas it is highly desirable that all obstructions should be removed forthwith from the lines of Union Street as laid out by the resolve of the City Council April

27th General Council: That the Standing Committee on widening
Union Street be and they are hereby instructed, to cause said Union Street
to be widened to the width of 40 feet, and the widening of said Union
Street as ordered by the City Council, the two iron rails being
required on the passage of said order they are taken as fol-
lows—Was The Mayor, Aldermen Munroe, Durham, and Oli-
orne—4. Nay—Aldermen Allen, Dingley, Washburn, Drake and
Williams 5. So the order was rejected.

The Committee on Streets Over-
Union Street.
Drake
Shipman
to whom was referred the petition of John L. Che and others
that Union Street be widened, read the following order of notice
in force of a widening in addition to what has already been
taken. Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and con-
venience of the inhabitants require that Union Street should
be further widened at and near the corner of Hanover Street,
and in addition to the quantity of land taken to widen said
street by a resolve of the City Council passed on the Twenty sev-
enth of April last past, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due
notice be given to James A. Drake and George H. Shipman that
this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by tak-
ing land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public
street, and that on Monday, the Twenty ninth day of May current
at five o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for making and ob-
jections which may be made thereto. Accepted and the order passed.

The Chair appointed the fol- Committee
lowing Aldermen to fill vacancies in the Committee occasioned by
the resignation of Alderman East: James Allen, George
Durham, Institutions re: Oliver: Walter Drake: Comeries, Dingley,

Nov. 25, 1857. Drains - Drake and Minnow.

On nomination by the Mayor
the following persons were appointed on the Water Works Com-
mission, George W. Wilson, John A. Goodwin, Smith McKee, Vera Canady,
Lucas B. Lord, Joseph Grace, Moses L. Giffen, William Campbell.

Special
Police Joseph H. Brooks was appointed a
Special Police Officer at Grand Junction Rail Road Depot.

Chief of Police
The Bonds of Robert Taylor as
Chief of Police, and as a Constable, of the City of Boston were
approved by the Board.

Ward Ten
Illegal
voting. The Special Committee to which
was referred the subject of the illegal vote cast at the late elec-
tion in Ward 10 have consulted with the City Solicitor as in-
structed and Report: That the only Statute bearing upon the
subject is found in the 4th Chapter of the Revised Statutes page
65 Section 6th as follows: If any person knowing himself not to
be a qualified voter shall at any election wilfully give in a
vote for any officers to be then chosen he shall forfeit a sum
not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence. From this
Statute it appears that Mr. Daniel C. Moore, who, according to
the testimony of the Ward Officers, persisted in voting, although
challenged and informed that his name was not borne on the
voting list, has made himself liable to the penalty above men-
tioned. There is no record as to who is to commence a prosecu-
tion against the violator of this law, and the Committee do not
think it proper to call upon him for any advice upon that point.

With these facts we leave the subject in the hands of the
Board. For the Committee, George A. Williams Chairman. Read
and accepted and the Mayor was authorized to take the proper
measures to cause the offender to be prosecuted.

Ordered: That the City Engineer
prepare a survey and plan of the proposed extension of Wash-
ington Street to Hanover Street (fifty feet wide) showing the estates
and property which will be affected thereby.

Upon the petitions of Walter E. New York
Morse, Cyrus Tiger, David, Emerson, Oliver, Birney, Oliver M. Spring,
Frederick Coffey and Charles Hall of New York praying that they be
compensated for the damage occasioned to them respectively by the
construction of the said Central Railroad Company of New York
and the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company of
the land to be used for the said railroad, particularly at New York, and
to require said railroad company to give security for the pay-
ment of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded by
this Board or by a jury for the land and damages aforesaid,
it now appearing that the said Boston and New York Central
Rail Road Company have been duly notified of the pendency of
said petitions and have by their counsel appeared and been
heard in the premises it is Ordered, That the damages occasion-
ed to said petitioners respectively by the Boston and New York
Central Railroad Company be estimated at the sum of one dollar;
and that the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Com-
pany do give security to the satisfaction of this Board for the
payment of all such damages and costs as have been awarded
by the Board or as shall be awarded by a jury for the land and

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other property taken as aforesaid, agreeably to the statute in such
 case made and provided. From this decision the above named peti-
 tioners gave notice of an appeal to the next Court of Common Pleas
 for Suffolk County.

New York
 Central
 Rail Road

On petitions of George G. Brown,
 Thomas Burr, and Thomas Earl, praying this Board to estimate
 the damages occasioned to them respectively by the Boston and New
 York Central Rail Road Company by the taking of their land, and by
 the laying out, making and maintaining their Rail Road over
 and upon said land as in said petitions particularly set forth
 it now appearing that the said Boston and New York Central
 Rail Road Company have been duly notified of the pendency of
 said petition and have by their counsel appeared and been heard
 in the premises, it is Ordered, that the damages occasioned to
 said petitioners, respectively, by the said Boston and New York
 Central Rail Road Company be estimated at the sum of one
 dollar. From this decision the above named petitioners gave notice
 of an appeal to the next Court of Common Pleas for Suffolk County.

Phillips
 Faneuil Hall.

The petition of Wendell Phillips
 and others for the use of Faneuil Hall for a political meeting
 tomorrow evening was read, and granted by the Board.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board : 391.
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the Twenty-ninth day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Singlay and
Odiorne.

Petition of Raymond & Co. for Raymond & Co.
leave to exhibit a Menagerie at the Public Garden June 8, 9, 10, 11. Re:
ferred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Prescott and Chapin Prescott.
and others that weights of coal delivered from vessels may be ap-
pointed. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Earl M. Johnson and Johnson.
John L. Hull for leave to construct car runs under the sidewalks
in Congress and Atkinson Streets. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Petition of the New York Central New York
Railroad Company for leave to move certain buildings from their
present location. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas Richardson Richardson
for leave to change the sidewalk in Broad St. referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Jacob Emerson, to be Emerson.
paid for damage, caused by a change of grade in Broadway—
of Thomas Richardson to be paid for damages occasioned by change Richardson
of grade in Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

lay 29. 1854. *Petition of Philip Eaton Jr. for
abatement of a nuisance at corner of Causeway and Mer-
rimac Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.*

Harrington

*Petition of John Harrington,
and others for abatement of a nuisance near Union Park. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.*

Boston Light

Petition of the Boston Light

*Infantry for use of Faneuil Hall June 12th wherein to entertain
the New York Light Guard. Referred to the Committee on Public
Buildings on part of this Board with full power.*

Still

Petition of Samuel W. Hall

East Boston

School House

*and others, Henry Brewster and others, William H. Thorndike
and others, in favor of the erection of the New School House at
East Boston, near Belmont Square. Referred to the Committee
on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-
curred June 1.*

Rice.

Petition of Stephen A. Rice to be

*compensated for injuries sustained by him in Border Street. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence.
Came up concurred June 1.*

Ordered

Agreed

Ordered: That the Mayor be

*and he is hereby authorized to give a reward of five hundred
dollars for such information as may lead to the apprehension
and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Charles
Gouge in or near Cooper Street in this City on the morning of the 23^d
instant.*

No person appearing to object 393.
the proposed widening of a portion of Union St. & rail subject May 19, 1851.
was laid upon the table. Union Street.

The Common Council having
elected Nathaniel Brewer and John M. Wright as Directors of House of
A. & J. & C. Industry &c. the day now concurring with that Board in Industry.
the election of Julian O. Mason and Jasper H. York, said action came up
for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

A certificate from the Common House of
Council that that branch had elected Charles Robbins as Master Correction.
of the House of Correction, came up for concurrence. Read and laid
on the table.

Ordered: That the compensa- Police
tion of the Police Officers appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, May 17,
according to law, shall be at the rate of two dollars per day, Pro-
vided that ^A this sum shall be in full for all services rendered by See page 450
them to the City, and that ^B they also account to the City for all sums ^C due to or received by them as witnesses in the Police & Municipal
courts. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and laid upon the table. See page 491

Petition of William Feltyplace Feltyplace.
for abatement of assessment made upon him for abatement of a
nuisance in Chelsea Street: Referred to the Committee on Internal
Affairs.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Church Street, and a plan was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.
Church.

July 24 1854. Agreeably to notice Nathaniel Shayer and others appeared and objected to the discontinuance of the Foster Street Slip, and after a short hearing, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to June 8th 1854. at four o'clock, P.M.

Gold Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a sewer in Gold Street, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Stevens

Petition of Paron Stevens for an Innholders license. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Parker

On petition of Charles S. Parker, for leave to move a wooden building from by Charles Street, the Committee on Paving reported that permission had been granted. Read and accepted.

High Schools

for Girls

The Common Council having amended the orders which this Board attached to the report of the Committee on Public Instruction which recommends the establishment of four High Schools for Girls, by striking out all after the word "that" (at A, as on page 372) and inserting as follows: the foregoing report be transmitted to the School Committee as an expression of the opinion of the City Council of Boston in favor of the establishment of a system of High School instruction for girls within said City. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Stull

Beverly Street.

The Committee on Pumps to which was referred the petition of J. W. Stull and others that Beverly Street be lighted with gas, reported that the Water Com-

Company are now laying the street pipe through Beverly Street, 395
between Quasaway Street and the Warren Bridge, and that May 9 1851
the Superintendent of Stumps has been instructed to place the
fixtures for lighting said street when said Company have comple-
ted their work. Read and accepted.

A communication was re- House of
ceived from the Council of the House of Correction stating that Correction.
said Board are about to revise their rules and regulations,
and asking that a Committee of this Board be appointed to co-
operate and confer with them in relation thereto - was read and
Aldermen Dunham, Munroe and Williams were appointed said
Committee. (See June 6th on page 402.)

On the petition of Butler, Keith, Butler
Hill - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be author- Withamarch
ized to repair Withamarch Street from the West to the City
square, and make such changes in the grade of said street
as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections
on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also,
to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in
accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Ordered: That so much of Church
the order passed May 24th 1852, as relates to the paving of Church Street.
Street be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Ordered: That the Superinten- India
dent of Streets be authorized to repair India Street, between India
Custom House Street and Milk Street, and make such changes Street.
in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and re-

396. move all such projections on the line of said street as he shall
May 29, 1854. deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said street which
are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Lib. Library
Trustee.

The ballots having been taken and
counted for a Trustee of the Public Library in place of Alderman
Shatt resigned, it appeared that Abel B. Munroe was chosen. Sent
down for concurrence. Same up concurred June 1.

Gardner
D. Street.

Whereas, it appears to this Board,
that a certain lot of land situated D. Street, between First and
Second Street, and belonging to Henry Gardner is in a state of
nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, therefore
Ordered, that a notice in writing, be given to the said Gard-
ner that he cause the said nuisance, existing on said prem-
ises, and consisting of foul and stagnant water, to be removed
within ten days from the date hereof, by filling up the same with
good coarse gravel or earth so that the same may be properly
drained.

Shucker-
Washington
Street.

On the petition of William S. Shuck-
er a verbal notice is given that this Board will, on
Thursday the 6th of June at four o'clock, P.M. take into consideration
the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Washington
Street, north of Deer Street, and of assessing the expense there-
on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into
such Common Sewer, or who by any means render the same
unfit for use. Any person making objection thereto,
will then and there be heard.

the moving Case Colored. That He, the Mayor be and, July 29, 1844
 he is hereby instructed to notify Hon. J. J. Spang, judge of the County
 District Court of the United States, to discontinue the use of any of Court House,
 the rooms of the Court House on Court Square as a place of confine-
 ment for any fugitive slave, and that he also be directed to order
 the U. S. Marines now stationed in said building to be removed
 from thence so that the proceedings of the State Courts may not be
 interrupted, and that the same be attended to forthwith. Read and
 laid upon the table.

The report and orders in relation to the subject of a Steam Fire Engine came up from the Fire Engine
 Common Council with the following action ordered thereon. Take
 out the words "That the Joint Special Committee on Fire Depart-
 ment"; and insert the following—That—members of this Board,
 in connection with the standing Committee of Fire Department
 on the part of the Board of Aldermen, do and to the end pro-
 vided that the expense of the same does not exceed the sum
 of seven thousand dollars, and Nicors Whittemore, Tilton, Hatch,
 W. G. Mayo, and Seal were appointed the Committee in accord-
 ance with the above amendment, on the part of this Board. Read
 and the Board receded from its former vote and concurred
 with the following amendment. Take out all after the word "and"
 and insert the following "the standing Committee on the Fire
 Department be and they are hereby authorized to procure a
 Steam Fire Engine of and upon the plan of J. B. Gales, Esq. of
 Cincinnati for the use of the City of Boston, at an expense not
 exceeding Seven thousand dollars. Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned to Wednesday next at 10 o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen: the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Wednesday the Thirty first day of May, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Singley,
Williams and Edicorne.

Resolved, that the Committee on
Finance be authorized to receive a petition, and to report thereon to the
Committee on Paving with full power.

Raymond

Leave was granted to Raymond
to exhibit a Menagerie at the Public Garden in Charles Street,
June 8, 9, 10, 11 by paying therefor the sum of \$300.

Prescott

& Chapin.

On petition of Prescott & Chapin
and others, that weighers of coal may be appointed, the Committee
on Finance reported that as the law authorizing the Mayor &
Aldermen to appoint such weighers has been repealed, the peti-
tioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Gray.

Richardson

On petition of Reuben T. Gray and
others for a Common Sewer in Ohio Place and of T. Richardson
and others for a Sewer in Orange Lane, the Committee on
Sewers and Drains reported a reference of the same to the Com-
mittee on Internal Health.

Stam

Fire Engine

On motion of Alderman Barnham,
the Board reconsidered the vote whereby it amended the order
in the common council in relation to a steam fire engine, and
then the subject was laid upon the table.

On motion of Alderman Wash = 399.

turn the order of notice respecting the widening of Union Street May 31. 1854. was taken from the table and was recommended to the Committee Union Street on Street with full power.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Union Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to James M. Skeels - bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner of the said land, being the point where the line of widening of Union Street, is laid out in an order of the Board passed April 20th 1854, meets the line of Hanover Street; thence running N^{dy}, bounded by the said line of widening, sixty seven feet and $\frac{4}{10}$ of a foot; thence Southwardly, by the line of widening of Union Street referred to in an order of the Board passed April 20th 1854, six feet and $\frac{3}{10}$ of a foot; and thence northwardly, by Hanover Street, eight feet and $\frac{2}{10}$ of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing one hundred and twenty five square feet and $\frac{1}{10}$ of a square foot, more or less: being so much of the land described in the order last above mentioned, as was not included in the said parcel of land mentioned in the said order. And this is given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, it appearing in return to an to annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Skeels dated April 20th 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this

400. Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Union street, as aforesaid, will amount to eight thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Read and the foregoing resolve and order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Carried up nuncnecured June 1.

Adjourned to Friday next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the second day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman O'Brien.

Kellyplace.

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the petition of William Kellyplace for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a drain on Chelsea Street, to abate a nuisance, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 461

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the sixth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Odiorne.

Petition of Charles L. Emmons for leave

to construct level holes in the sidewalks of Beacon and Hollis streets, were referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Merrill Davis for leave

to move a wooden building from Lyman Place to Somerville. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Remonstrance of J. S. Poller 16th

and others against the closing up of Spring Lane. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. S. Poller 16th

for aid for damage occasioned by the change of grade in the Indian Street of Isaac Loder and others for a change of grade in White and Marion Streets and of George Leland and others for the raising of sidewalks in Clark Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of A. Harvey for leave

to exhibit a banner at a building in Court Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of John M. Shaw and

others for the extension of the Second Street sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drain.

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Sullivan.

Petition of John W. Sullivan claiming compensation for damages sustained by the crowded condition of the streets near Long Wharf occasioned by the rendition of a fugitive slave on the 2^d day of June. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 8th

~~Petition of William T. Hickey & others~~ for the location of the New School House at East Boston on Lot 13 & 12 Summer Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 8th

Coake

Petition of B. F. Coake that the Police on duty June 2^d on the occasion of the rendition of a fugitive slave may receive double pay. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 8th

House of
Correction

On motion of Alderman Dunham the special committee of this Board on the subject of the rules & regulations of the House of Correction, was enlarged by making the same a Joint Special Committee. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 8th and Messrs. Odlin, J. A. Davis, Prince, Tilton and Atkins were joined

Jones

Petition of J. S. Jones to be paid for professional service rendered to medical parties at the order of Policemen and Watchmen. Referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Engine No. 4
room for

The order of this Board, which was passed August 2^d 1854, authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings to fit up a room for Engine No. 4 in one of the wards

under the Stone Street Reservoir, was amended in the Common Council by adding to it the following words: "and is to be appropriated to the appropriation for Engine Houses and Hook and Ladder Houses". Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Thomas Cushman to be paid for constructing a sewer in East Orange and Albany Streets. Referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Treasury Department, to whom was referred the statement of Accounts of the City and County Treasurer, for the financial year ending April 30, 1854. Having attended to the duty assigned them, Report: That they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, comparing the several items with the entries in the books at the office, and that the same appears to be correctly vouched and accurately stated. The amount of Bonds and Notes on hand on the 30th April last, was Seven Hundred and fifty nine thousand, two hundred & fifty six dollars and eighteen cents, (\$759,256.18). The amount of cash on hand, at the same time was Two Hundred and twenty six thousand, seven hundred and twenty seven dollars and twenty four cents, (\$426,727.24). Fisdale Drake, Farnham Plummer, J. Amory Davis, Committee. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the sum of Five Hundred dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated and placed at the disposal of the School Committee to aid in defraying the expenses of the Free Academy which is established in this City for the instruction of children and that the same be engaged to be

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June 6 1854. appropriation for incidental expenses of Grammar Schools. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Middlesex
Rail Road
Ordered: That the Committee to which was referred the Act to incorporate the Middlesex Rail Road Company be authorized to cause the same to be printed. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

House of
Industry
The Common Council having elected J. W. Stone, a Director of the Houses of Industry &c. in concurrence, but having non-concurred in the election of Jasper H. York and Julian O. Mason, in whose place were chosen Nathl^r Brewer and John M. Wright, said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots having again been taken and counted on the part of this Board for two Directors of that Institution, it appeared that John M. Wright and Henry T. Galand were chosen, this Board thereby non-concurring in the election of Nathl^r Brewer. Sent down for concurrence.

Engine house
No. 1.
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and is hereby authorized to cause repairs to be made on the Engine House No. 1. in South Boston at a cost not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars under the direction of the Committee on Public Buildings, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Engine Houses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

State Tax
The Committee on Finance having duly considered the communication from the Assessors' reportment on the subject of the City's proportion of the State Tax

for the present year, voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council the passage of the within order for assessing a Tax for the same. For the Committee, J. V. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of Ninety eight thousand six hundred and ninety one dollars be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this City to meet said City's proportional share of the State Tax required by the Act of the Legislature passed the 28th of April 1854. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Primary Public Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals and to contract for the following objects, viz: For such alterations and repairs on the Primary School Houses and lots on Kulland Street, and on Genesee Street as they may deem expedient the cost not to exceed six hundred dollars for the Kulland Street house and lot, and eight hundred on the Genesee Street house and lot: to be charged to the appropriation for Primary School Houses. For repairs and enlargement of the South Watch House on Canton Street at an expense not exceeding Four hundred dollars; to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous claims. For building a new Engine House on the City's lot on Purchase Street, at an expense not exceeding Two thousand dollars; to be charged to the appropriation for Engine Houses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the order concerning the Survey of Marble have considered the matter and recommend the adoption of the following Ordinance. For the Committee, Charles Demond. In Com-

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June 6. 1854. mon Council. Read, accepted and the Ordinance passed.
came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Health
Suptd of
Com of
conference.

The Common Council having elected Ezra Forristall as Superintendent of Health, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of Joseph Colburn to that office, said action came up for concurrence. And the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 8. Necessary for a choice 5. Nathan Underwood had 3. Joseph Colburn 3. Ezra Forristall 2. No choice. A second ballot having been taken it appeared that the whole number of votes was 8. Necessary for a choice 5. Nathan Underwood had 4. Joseph Colburn 4. and there was no choice. A third ballot having been taken with the same result as the second - on motion of Alderman Dunham - Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health, be a Committee to confer with such Committee as the Common Council may appoint upon the subject of the election of a Superintendent of Health. Sent down to be joined. June 8th The Common Council joined Messrs Brew, Demond, Cole, C. I. Johnson and Simmons.

Militia
order to pay.

Ordered: That there be paid to each member of the Volunteer Military Companies of the City of Boston two dollars for each day's service performed by them when called out by the Mayor for the preservation of the Peace. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and indefinitely postponed, - a motion to lay the same on the table having been lost.

Nott.

The Joint standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Samuel

Vott respecting seven lots of land purchased by him of the City, having duly considered the subject, report, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Stephen Wilson, Jr. for the Committee. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Henry Homer respecting four lots of land sold to him by the City, having duly considered the subject, report, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Stephen Wilson, Jr. for the Committee. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Darius Wellington respecting a change in the conditions of lot # one of the Arsenal Estate, Report: That as the owners of the other lots of the Arsenal Estate, have consented in writing to the proposed change, they recommend the adoption of the following order. In the Committee, Stephen Wilson, Jr. Orders: That the restrictions upon the lot # one of the Arsenal Estate be so far changed as to allow Darius Wellington to erect a dwelling house upon the northern part of said lot with a straight front instead of a circular front; and the line of said building be placed five feet from Pleasant Street. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the joint petition of Darius Wellington and Jacob Atkinson respecting a division being made of the lot numbered one of the Arsenal Estate, Have duly

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considered the subject report: That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and they recommend the adoption of the following order. For the Committee, Farnham Plummer. Ordered: That the bond to Searius Wellington for a deed of the lot numbered one of the Arsenal Estate be cancelled for the purpose of issuing instead thereof a bond for a Deed of one part of said lot to Searius Wellington and a bond for a Deed of the other part of said lot to Jacob Atkinson. In Common Council. Read, accepted and the order passed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Treason

In order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Hinds, D. Warren, and Hobbs with such as this Board may join a Committee to investigate and report to the City Council what further action, if any, is necessary under the Ordinances concerning Treason. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Williams and Drake were appointed on said Committee on the part of this Board.

Convention

A message came up from the Common Council proposing that a Convention of both branches of the City Council be held in the Common Council Chamber on Thursday next at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock, P.M. for the purpose of electing a City and County Treasurer. Read and this Board concurred in the said proposition.

Franklin
School House

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to sell upon such terms as they may deem for the best interests of the City about four hundred and eighty one square feet of land appurtenant to the Franklin School House on Washington Street. Sent down for concurrence. June 8. Came up concurred.

The Joint Special Committee, 409.

to whom was referred the petition of Ralph Huntington and others, June 6 1854. praying the City Council to accept the Act of the Legislature passed April 29, 1854 called the Fort Hill Corporation, have examined Corporation said Act, and they think that the City and its property are amply protected by the provisions of said Act, and they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed April 29, 1854, entitled "An Act to establish the Fort Hill Corporation" be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council. Passed. Sent down for concurrence, June 8. Came up concurred.

Agreeably to notice N. H. Hancock and others appeared and remonstrated against the construction of the proposed sewer in Washington Street as prayed for by W. S. Thacher: after which the subject was re-committed to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on that subject the use of Fenwick Hill was granted to the Boston Light Infantry on June 12th for the purpose of exercising therein the New York Light Guard.

Ordered: That there be paid to Henry Hagg, assignee of D. Wellington, the sum of Eighteen hundred and sixty five dollars for land taken to widen North Street, as per resolve and order dated May 1st 1854, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and that the same be charged to the appropriate

410 lion for laying out and widening Streets.

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Jordan

Leave was granted to H. C. Jordan and another to give a series of Vaudeville Entertainments at the National Building on the usual conditions.

Richardson.

Emerson

Taylor

Wells

On the several petitions of Thomas Richardson for payment of damages occasioned by change of grade in Broad Street - of Jacob Emerson to be paid for change of grade in Broadway - & Ebenezer Taylor that the damages ordered to be paid to G. F. Audley may be paid to him (said Taylor) - of A. Wells and others, for leave to place awning posts in the sidewalk in Charles Street - the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Johnson.

Pratt

Leave was granted to Earl W. Johnson and John C. Pratt to construct Coal holes in Congress and Atkinson Streets, on the usual conditions.

Neilon

Ordered: That there be paid to William Neilon the sum of Three hundred dollars for damages occasioned to his estate on the corner of Church and Marion Streets by the change of the grade of said street, upon his purchasing his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c

On the petition of Thomas 411

Richardson for leave to change the sidewalk in Broad Street, June 6, 1834.
the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is Richardson
required thereon. Read and accepted.

On petition of Thomas B. Wales

Wales Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be author- Boylston Street.
ized to reset the edgestones and repave the gutters in that
part of Boylston Street westerly of Charles Street, provided, the
abutters thereon agree to relay their sidewalks at their own
cost.

Alderman Allen offered the School
following order - Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public build- furniture.
ings in providing extra rooms, or furniture or other fixtures for
the use of the Public Schools, shall consult the Superintendent of
Public Schools and shall not make any of said provisions with-
out his recommendation, unless by an order of the Committee
on Public Buildings. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That Aldermen Drake Boston Wharf

Munroe, and Dunham be a Committee of this Board to report Company.
the requisite plans and orders for the laying out of such streets
over the territory described in the Act of the Legislature of this
Commonwealth, which authorizes the Boston Wharf Company to
extend their Wharf to the Commissioners line, as shall be most
advantageous for the City's interest, and in conformity with the
power given to the City in the third section of said Act. Streets.

Whereas it appears to this Board Whiting
that the building or buildings on the corner of Richmond and
Chimney.

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June 6, 1854. North streets, and owned by Sylvester Whitney, is not provided with proper chimneys, and that the stove pipes used for that purpose are defective and unsafe, therefore, Ordered, That a notice in writing be served upon said Whitney requiring him to build a safe and proper chimney for said building within fourteen days from the date hereof, under the penalty imposed by law.

Reward
offered Ordered: That the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of two hundred dollars for information which shall lead to the detection and conviction of the person or persons who assaulted R. H. Dana, Jr. Esq. in Court Street on the evening of the second of June instant.

Reward
offered Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to offer a reward of two hundred dollars for information, which shall lead to the detection and conviction of the person or persons who were immediately guilty of the death of James Watchelder within the walls of the County Court House on the 26th day of May last.

Putnam
street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized to cause a common sewer to be constructed in Putnam Street for the drainage of the estates corner of Putnam and Lexington Streets and to assess the expense thereof according to law.

Police-
Watch Co. On nomination by the Mayor, Jacob Herick and Henry T. Viger were appointed on the Police. Henry Leeds and William H. Reed on the Watch. Charles P. Gregg as a substitute and Samuel Villanoy, Constable of the Watch for station #7.

Ordered: That the Committee 413

on Paving cause all and any obstructions to be removed which June 6. 1854.
project over the lines of any public streets lanes and alleys at South
South Boston and that for that purpose they have power through South
the Mayor, to give such directions to the Chief of Police to accom- Boston.
lish that end, as they may from time to time deem expedient.

Ordered: That the Superintendent Merchants

of Streets be authorized to repave Merchants Row from State Row.
to South Market Street, and make such changes in the grade of
said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such
projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem danger-
ous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not se-
cured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Thursday the Eighth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dunham &
O'Brien.

Resolution of Joseph Hull and others Hull.

that the City would defray a portion of the expense of watering

414. Shawmut Avenue, near Blackstone Square. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Harlow

Petition of Ann M. Harlow for abatement of an assessment for construction of a drain in Stillman Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Hoyt

Petition of Henry Hoyt and twenty four others that the order of October 20, 1851, respecting the stand of the South Boston Omnibuses may be enforced. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Way

Petition of Saml A. Way respecting the sidewalks and edgestones corner of Cha Street and East Orange Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

24. Infantry

Invitation from the Boston Light Infantry Company asking the Board to dine with them on June 12th next - was read and accepted.

Losky

Ordered: That the assessment of eight dollars and twenty cents on the estate of Antonio Losky, for furnishing edgestone for said estate on Summer Street in 1852, is hereby abated, in consequence of the estate of said Losky being insolvent and the said Losky being insane.

Harvey

H. Harvey was licensed to exhibit a living Mollus at Haskins' Building in Court Street, on the usual conditions.

Hugg

On motion of Alderman Dingley the Board reconsidered the vote whereby on June 6th it was ordered that \$1000 be paid Henry Hugg for land taken on North Street and

the following order was offered as a substitute. Ordered: That 115.
there be paid to Henry Rugg and Emily Merriam of Providence June 8 1854
the sum of Eighteen hundred and sixty five dollars for land taken
to widen North Street, Oct. 10. 1853, and May 1st 1854, then described as
land of D. Willington, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same
and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and ex-
penses in consequence of said taking: and that the same be charg-
ed to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets, of which
\$702.50 are to be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for lay-
ing out and widening Streets. Read and laid on the table.

Agreeably to assignment the
Board took up the subject of the discontinuance of the Foster Street
Slip, and Messrs John E. Hayer for owners of Fish Wharf having
objected thereto, and — Chaddock for owners Wharf having joined
the project, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets
with full power.

Foster Street
Slip.

The Board then adjourned to 8 o'clock, P.M.

The Board having re-assembled at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Odiorne.

Ordered: That the Committee on Cholera
Internal Health be and they are hereby authorized to make such
arrangements, as they may deem necessary to provide suitable
accommodations for persons attacked with the Cholera, and who are
in localities favorable for the propagation of that disorder.

The two branches of the City
 June 8, 1854 Council having assembled in
 Convention,

Treasurer
 elected.

for the purpose of electing a
 City and County Treasurer. Aldermen Duke and Munroe and
 Messrs Plummer, Jones and Beal were appointed a Committee
 to collect, sort and count the votes for that office - which having
 been done, it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 52.
 Necessary for a choice 27. Frederic W. Tracy had 52, and was there-
 fore elected. The business of the Convention having been accom-
 plished the two branches separated, and the Board of Mayor and
 Aldermen

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
 and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday
 the Twelfth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Odiorne.

Lyer
 South Cong.
 Society -
 Duke.

Petition of Eben^r & Lyer for compensa-
 tion for change of grade in - Atkinson Street - of the South Congrega-
 tional Society for leave to close up East Castle Street on the Sabbath;
 of Silas Duke for the grade of the sidewalk opposite 82 Beacon
 Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of N. C. Stevens & 417.

others, that the City would aid the abutters on Shawmut Avenue June 12, 1864.
in widening said Avenue near Blackstone Square. Referred to Stevens.
the Committee on Internal Health.

An order of notice from the East- Eastern
ern Avenue Corporation respecting the lot of Summer Street taken by Avenue
said Corporation: was read and referred to the Committee on Streets. Corporation.

Petition of John J. Tighe and Tighe-
others for a common Sewer in 7th Street and Seventh Street, of Sewall.
Thomas R. Sewall and others for a common Sewer in West Chestnut
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of A. G. Wilton & others Wilton
for abatement of a nuisance in Ohio Place and Indiana Place.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health with full power

Petition of T. A. Matthews and Matthews
others for abatement of a nuisance in Endicott Street. Referred to
the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Samuel A. Eliot re. Eliot-
pecting a dangerous chimney in the vicinity of his residence. Referred to Chimney.
red to the Committee on Internal Health.

Communication from the Nuisances.
Chief of Police respecting nuisances sources of filth &c. and suggesting
a speedy and effectual means for their removal. Referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Remonstrance of L. H. Storer Storer
and others against the passage of the Charlestown Omnibuses through

418. Winter Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Batterby.

Petition of J. T. Batterby for leave to exhibit some "living skeletons" in the Public Garden. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ellis

Petition of J. S. Ellis to be paid for damages sustained in his business June 5th 1854. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. June 16 came up concurred.

Harrison

Revenue
over Walnut
Streets

The Superintendent of Common sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of common sewers in Garden Avenue and Essex Street - and in Walnut Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets & Drains.

Williams

Petition of Seth Williams for delivery of water without the limits of the city. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 15.

Waring
Street.

Petition for the laying out of Waring Street and the construction of a bridge over the Worcester Hill Road. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Sanderson.
Market.

Petition of J. S. Sanderson and other occupants of Faneuil Hall Market for certain changes in the rules and regulations of the Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Baker

Petition of Freeman Baker & others that a modification be made in the Ordinance respecting dealers in Second Hand Articles. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Sent down for concurrence. June 15th Came up concurred. 4119

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Notice from Thomas Richardson Richardson
respecting the trial of his suit vs. the City. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred
June 15

Petition of the Fitchburg Rail Road Fitchburg
Company for the acceptance of an Act authorizing certain Rail Road
Companies to lay the Archibute Water Pipe at Charlestown.
Read and laid on the table.

Complaint against Elijah H. Spoon
Spoon, a Constable of the City, was referred to Aldermen Williams Constable
and Allen.

Petition of Independent Boston Veterans-
Veterans for use of Faneuil Hall on June 17th wherein to receive Mayors
the New York Continental Guards and the nation of John G. Mayo
and others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the same day wherein
to celebrate that day. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings
on the part of this Board.

Communication from Joseph H. Hayes
Hayes resigning his office as a Captain of the Watch and Police,
was read and laid on the table.

The order to pay Henry Hagg & Hagg
Emily Merriam \$1005, for land taken to widen North Street was taken
from the table and passed (see page 414)

Whereas, it appears to this Shawmut
Board that certain lots of land situated on Shawmut Avenue
near Union Park and belonging to Hull and Hunscomb and
Mrs Kelly, are in a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the health

mon sewer or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard. June 12. 1857.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Dr. A. A. Gould for compensation for services rendered at the request of a City Watchman, respectfully report, that, in their opinion, the said services do not constitute a legal charge against the City, having been rendered for a private individual; and they therefore respectfully recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Durham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Went down for concurrence. Came up concurred June 15.th Gould.

The Common Council having elected Nathaniel Brewer as a Director of the House of Industry, thereby non-concurring with this Board in the election of Henry T. Saland, said action came up for concurrence. Read and the subject was indefinitely postponed. House of Industry.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Common be and they are hereby authorized to engage one or more bands of music to perform on the Common at such times not exceeding twice a week, as they shall deem advisable, for three months from date, the expense thereof to be charged to incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table. Music on the Common

An order of the Common Council appointing Josias Hatch, Goodwin and C. May, with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may join, a Committee to make Harbor Excursion.

arrangements for the annual visit of the City Council to the Islands in the Harbor, and that the expense thereof be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Allen and Washburn were joined.

2d. Thing 4th

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of James Bell, Thing 4th to be remunerated for loss of their dog through the agency of the Police respectfully report, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. June 15. Came up concurred.

Union
Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Union Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to James M. Beebe bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner of said land being the point where the line of widening of Union Street, referred to in an order of this Board passed April 26. 1854 meets the line of Hanover Street; thence running Northwardly, bounded by the said line of widening, sixty seven feet and ³⁰/₁₀₀ of a foot; thence Northwardly with nine feet to the line of said Hanover Street and thence Northwardly by the line of said Hanover Street seven feet to the point of beginning; containing two hundred and forty one square feet, more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid

out as a public street or way of the said city - according to a plan 423
of the said widening made by E. V. Chubbuck dated April 20th 1854. June 12, 1854.
and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this
Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Union
Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Seven thousand dollars: which
sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year,
does exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars. The foregoing resolve
and order passed. Sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, June
15, Read and denied a second reading.

Ordered, That the superinten- | Dorchester
dent of streets be authorized to have edgstones set and gutters po- | Street.
red on Dorchester Street at the corner of Oil Harbor Street, and Rail-
way. The edgstones to be furnished by the abuttors.

Resolved, That the safety and Court
convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Court Street | Street.
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lotledge,
lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a parcel of land
belonging to Joseph Lotledge - bounded as follows, viz: Southward
by Court Street, bordering on Bowdoin Square, there measuring
ninety-seven feet; Southeastwardly by land of David Fullam, nine
feet and $\frac{7}{100}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the proposed line of wid-
ening of the said street and square, ninety six feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of
a foot; and Northwestwardly by land of the Bowdoin Square Bap-
tist Church, thirdeen feet and $\frac{7}{100}$ of a foot; containing eleven hundred
and twenty square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of
land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto an-

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noyed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before de-
 scribed be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public
 street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said wid-
 ening made by E. A. Chebrough dated June 6th 1854. and deposited
 in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board
 doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Court Street,
 as aforesaid, will amount to Thirty nine hundred dollars: which sum
 together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or dis-
 continuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does
 not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Mason

New York
 Central
 Rail Road.

On petition of William P. Mason,
 owner of land at South Boston, over which the Boston and New
 York Central Rail Road Company have located and constructed
 their said Rail Road, praying this Board to estimate the damages
 sustained by him from said location and construction of the said
 Boston and New York Central Rail Road, it is hereby Ordered;
 That the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company
 be notified to appear before this Board on Wednesday the 21st day
 of June instant at four o'clock, P.M. at which time this Board
 will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said peti-
 tioner, and will also take such other measures in the premises, as
 are by the laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases

Potter

Spring Lane
 1854

On the remonstrance of J. Y. Potter
 and others against the closing of Spring Lane the Committee
 on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition of Elizabeth Sims 125.

more to be paid for damages occasioned by change of grade in Ded- June 12, 1854.
ham Street; - of William Evans and others for the acceptance of Dismore.
Mica Street from Beach to Schuyler Street; of - Maria Dexter & others Evans.
for a change of grade in White and Marion Streets; - the Commit- Dexter.
tee on Paving reported that the said several petitioners have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Leave was granted to Tisdale Drake Drake.
to construct Coal Holes under the sidewalk in Beacon Street.

Communication from the Auditor Auditor
of Accounts requesting that his allowance for clerk hire may be increas-
ed, was referred to the Committee on Accounts in concurrence.

An Ordinance providing for Public
the care and management of the Public Lands was referred to the Lands
Committee on Ordinances in concurrence.

The Joint Committee on Lunatic
Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, to whom was refer- Hospital.
red the subject of additional accommodations for Insane Paupers,
ask leave to Report: That this subject has received from the two
past City Governments such attention as to lead them in their reports,
to express in strong terms the necessity of immediate action; but un-
fortunately for the welfare of the crowded Institution, these reports have
been made so late in the municipal year, as to become a part of the
unfinished business, and necessarily referred to the succeeding City
Council. The subject reaches your Committee in this form - and
after a careful and thorough investigation into the condition of
the Institution, they would simply allude to the fact, that the area

126 of some of the Halls is necessarily used as dining rooms, and
June 12, 1854, dormitories ruled for one patient occupied by three, three, proper
for eight occupied by fifteen - and badly ventilated - showing the
necessity of immediate action. By the report of the Special Com-
mittee of the last year, we learn that an examination was made
of another locality apparently satisfactory, but the desire to keep
under our own supervision an Institution so humane in its
character, and one which has accomplished so great good at
a little cost, under the direction of the faithful Board of Visitors
and able Superintendent, that the proposal to remove at present
was withdrawn, and an enlargement of the present building by
the addition of another wing, of capacity to accommodate one hun-
dred patients, was substituted. Your Committee concur fully in
this view of the case and believe that by extending the western
boundary line of the Hospital grounds to M^o Street and building
an additional wing on the west end of the present building as
proposed on a plan drawn by G. F. Bryant in 1852, would in the
most satisfactory and economical manner accomplish the wish
of those who have investigated the subject, and, if immediately
acted upon, would relieve at once the necessity for the many pain-
ful rejections of admission to the more than weekly applicants for a
refuge for this truly unfortunate and dependent class of our fellow-
citizens. Your Committee on examination of the plan and consul-
tation with those acquainted with the subject, believe the same
can be completed for the sum of Thirty thousand dollars, and
they recommend the passage of the following order. For the Com-
mittee, John Odlin, Jr. Ordered, That the Joint Standing Com-
mittee on Public Buildings, conferring with the Board of Visitors
of the Boston Lunatic Hospital be, and they hereby are authorized

and directed to erect an additional wing to the present building 427
on the west end, in accordance with the proposed plan of 1852, the June 12, 1854
cost of the same not to exceed the sum of Thirty thousand dollars
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
laid upon the table.

The Committee on Ordinances Marble
to whom was referred the order concerning the survey of Marble
have considered the matter and recommend the adoption of the
accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee. C. Demond. In Common
Council Read and the Ordinance passed. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred. (See Ordinance recorded in the book kept
for that purpose)

Resolved, That the safety and Blank Street
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Black New North
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to Church.
take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a por-
cel of land adjoining to the New North Church and Society, bounded
as follows viz: Southwestwardly of the said street then measuring
ninety eight feet and $\frac{29}{100}$ of a foot, southwardly by land of
the Heirs of Milton, five feet and $\frac{7}{100}$ of a foot; northeastwardly by
the proposed line of widening of the said street, being a line drawn
straight from the outside corner of North and Black Streets through
the western corner of the meeting house of the said Church and
Society, ninety eight feet and $\frac{29}{100}$ of a foot and northwestwardly
by Hancock Street, six feet and $\frac{13}{100}$ of a foot; containing six hun-
dred and twenty seven square feet, and $\frac{7}{100}$ of a square foot, more
or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention
of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose afore-
said, as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore

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Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Shetrongn dated June 12th 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Clark street, as afore-
said, will amount to twenty five hundred dollars; which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Public

On motion of Aldermen Williams

Instruction. the report of the Committee on Public Instruction respecting the
Child excluded case of a child excluded from a Public School of this City (being City
from School. Document N^o 54,) and the order appended to said report were
taken from the table and passed (as recorded on page 373) Sent down
for concurrence. (See page 480 also)

Firewall

Ordered, That due notice be given

Night Soil.

by the City Clerk to Cheever Newhall and others and to their
agents or contractors of the Night Soil that they do not perform their
work as prescribed in Section 3^d of said contract, and that the
health of the City is suffering thereby for want of a sufficient num-
ber of carts to remove the same.

Omnibuses

Ordered, That the Committee on

licenses be instructed to have the orders regulating the Omnibuses print-
ed and distributed among drivers of all Omnibuses, being Sections N^o 17
18, 19, & 20, on page 68, of City Ordinances.

Ordered: That there be paid to 1/29.

Wick and David I. Nyer the sum of Three hundred dollars for June 12. 1854.
damages to their estates on Commercial Street by the change of the Dyer
grade being upon their proving their title to the said estates to the satisfaction of the City solicitor and giving to the City a deed of a certain Commercial
parcel of land in front of said estates now used as a sidewalk Street.
and owned by them, and upon their giving to the City an acquit-
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in conse-
quence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged
to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That the Board ac- Howell
cept and adopt the location of the extension of the Boston and New- Hill Road
ell Railroad proposed by the profile of said Road drawn by extension.
William P. Parrott, Engineer, dated May 24. 1854. and deposited in
the office of the Mayor and Aldermen. In record: location on page
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Ordered: That Aldermen Dun- United States
ham, Luke and Lingay with such as the Common Council may roads.
join be a Committee to consider and report if any building belong-
ing to the City or County can be sold to the United States for the pur-
pose of a Court House, and to confer with the United States Mar-
shal and other persons in relation to the same. Sent down for con-
currence. June 15. Same up concurred and Messrs Rummer, Clark,
Mahan, J. Davis and Drew were joined.

On nomination by the Mayor, Police
M. J. Sims and J. H. Hale were appointed on the Police. Owen Fay Watch.
lor was appointed on the Watch and Police. Thomas M. Smith
was appointed Constable of the Watch for Station N. 5.

The following named persons
 are ~~also~~ were appointed on the Watch - Samuel S. Gaykin, Jonas G. Warren,
 W. Richman, J. M. Turner, Isaac Hall, Jr., Nathan Haskett, Jacob H. Currier, Zorah
 Whiting, E. G. Wright, G. W. Gaykin, J. B. Emerson, J. V. Kimball, W. W.
 Reynolds, Appleton, Wood, John Howard, The Whittaker, Ezra Vinal,
 Jonas G. Smith, John W. Bagdon.

Constable.

Albert G. Dawes was appointed a
 Constable of the City, vice Richard Hovea, deceased.

Adjourned to Tuesday (tomorrow) at 9 o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
 Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
 on Tuesday the Thirtieth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.
 Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dingley,
 Odiorne and Williams.

Reynolds

Remonstrance of William B. Reyn-
 olds and others against the proposed location of a Cholera Hospital
 at Fort Hill was referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Second
 Street
 nuisances

The Board then visited by request
 of the Committee on Internal Health two houses at South Boston
 on Second Street owned by Francis Hinkley and Richard Dew-

erson, which were found to be overcrowded with tenants and dangerous to the public health. 431

Adjourned to Wednesday (tomorrow) at 12 M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the Fourteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Odiorne, Allen and Dingley.

Petition of John B. Babcock and others that Shawmut Avenue be watered by the City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Babcock.

Petition of Walter Hastings and others that the steam engine in Brighton Field may be removed. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Hastings.

Petition of Thomas Richardson for leave to move a building through certain streets of the City. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Richardson.

The bond of Albert G. Dawes a Constable of the City was approved by the Board. Constable's bond.

Ordered: That the Directors of the Institutions at Deer Island and South Boston cause all State Paupers (not sentenced) to be removed to the State Institutions as State Paupers.

432. they can be with safety. Sent down for concurrence.

June 11, 1854.

Indiana,

Ohio & Spear

Places

Whereas it appears to this Board that certain tenements in Indiana, Ohio and Spear Places owned by Heirs of Herring, Clement Drew, John Bourrouscale, Jr. Hanna, Hays, John Scollay, Joseph Travell, J. Q. Wilber, Josiah Green, Daniel Rhodes, William Hall, David Tharler - Rice, L. P. Saunders, Leuben J. Gray, Thomas Pope, Pope & Hinkley, - Newcomb, Benjamin L. Tilston, John J. Shaw, Thomas Brewer's heirs, and James Paul - are in a state of nuisance; and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants - and whereas it appears from the return hereto annexed that said parties, though duly notified, have neglected to abate said nuisance therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to cause a proper and sufficient drain to be constructed which shall be common and subject to the use of the parties as aforesaid - and at the expense of the said several parties.

Brownbill

Petition of John Brownbill and others for removal of the Old Pound at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Light
Artillery.

An invitation to attend the review of the Flying Artillery on June 17th next, was read and accepted by the Board. Sent down for concurrence. June 15th Came up concurred.

Harrison
Avenue.
Essex Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty seventh day of March 1854. public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Harrison Avenue and Essex Street, the cost of which was Two

hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty eight cents, one quarter 433.
part whereof being deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains June 14, 1854.
One hundred and sixty two dollars ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted
by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the person
named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as afore-
said, be and he hereby is charged and assessed, with the sum therein
set to his name, as his proportional part of the expense of the said
sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given
to the party aforesaid, his tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Walnut
Order of this Board, passed on the Second day of March 1854. Street.
public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer
has been constructed in Walnut Street, the cost of which was four
hundred and thirty dollars and ten cents, one quarter part
whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains
three hundred and twenty two dollars ⁰⁸/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that
the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being ben-
efitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and as-
sessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as
their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the
parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Ordered: That the Act of Railroads
the Legislature, passed April 24, 1854, entitled "An Act authorizing to lay Water
certain Railroads to lay the Cochituate Water Pipe at Charlestown, pipe
be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council. sent down
for concurrence. June 15. Same up concurred.

and 14, 1854 and adopt the grade of Indore Street proposed by the City Engineer, the said grade being shown on a profile of the said Street, by the said engineer dated May 29th 1854 and deposited in the office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Deer Island
Hospital.

Report of Superintendent of Deer Island Hospital stating the number of the inmates at the Institution there June 1st was read and placed on file.

Eliot
Hancock

An petition of S. A. Eliot John Hancock was ordered to repair or secure a chimney belonging to his house within ten days from this date.

Veterans
Council Hall.

The use of Faneuil Hall was granted to the Independent Boston Veterans for Saturday next.

Brinley
Second Street.

Whereas this Board are satisfied from a personal examination of the premises that tenement on Second Street, South Boston, owned by Francis and George Brinley (James Kenney, agent) is in a state of nuisance caused by the great number of tenants occupying said premises, contrary to the provisions of the ordinance relating to Public Health passed August 20, 1850. and is therefore an unfit place for habitation and dangerous to the public health, therefore, under the powers vested in this Board, as a Board of Health, it is hereby Ordered: that the occupants of the said premises be notified to remove therefrom within seven days from the date hereof and that the Superintendent of Health and the Chief of Police be and they are hereby entrusted with the execution of this order - and that the said Kenney, agent as aforesaid, be directed to cleanse said premises to the satisfaction of the Super-

intendent of Health - under the penalty prescribed by law.

435.

June 14, 1854.

Whereas this Board are satisfied from a personal examination of the premises that a tenement on Second Street South Boston, owned by Richard Larrison is in a state of nuisance caused by the great number of tenants occupying said premises contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance relating to Public Health, passed August 20, 1850, and is therefore an unfit place for habitation and dangerous to the Public Health, therefore, under the powers vested in this Board, as a Board of Health, it is hereby Ordered: That the occupants of said premises be notified to remove therefrom within seven days from the date hereof, and that the Superintendent of Health and the Chief of Police be entrusted with the execution of this order, and that the said Larrison, be directed to clear said premises to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Health, under the penalty prescribed by law.

Second
street.
Larrison.

Whereas, this Board are satisfied from a personal examination of the premises that a tenement in rear of Second Street, near Rochester Avenue, and owned by the President, Directors and Company of the Mechanics' Bank, Evan Simonds, agent is in a state of nuisance caused by the great number of tenants occupying said premises, contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance relating to Public Health, passed August 20, 1850, and is therefore an unfit place for habitation and dangerous to the Public Health, therefore, under the powers vested in this Board, as a Board of Health, it is hereby Ordered: That the occupants of the said premises be notified to remove therefrom within seven days from the date hereof, and that the Superintendent of Health and the Chief of Police be and they are hereby entrusted with the execution of

Second Street.
Mechanics'
Bank

436. his order and that the said Dimonds agent as aforesaid, be directed to cleanse said premises to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Health under the penalty prescribed by law.

Ferry
Street
Sewer.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is authorized to cause the Common Sewer in the passageway between Ferry Street and Fulton Court to be cleared out, and to assess the cost thereof upon the estates benefited thereby.

Adjourned to Friday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the sixteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dingley, Washburn and Odiorne.

Frothingham.

Petition of S. Frothingham, Jr. and

Atkinson St.

others, that Atkinson Street be widened at the corner of Milk Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Frothingham

Petition of S. Frothingham, Jr. & others

Atkinson Street.

that the name of Atkinson Street be changed to Congress Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Agreeably to the report of the 437.

Committee on Licenses, that Ballerby were allowed to exhibit some June 16. 1854
living skeletons at the Public Garden on the 14th of July next. Ballerby.

On nomination by the Mayor Constables.

Spencer A. Ham, Daniel B. Curtis and John P. Lynch were appointed Constables of the City.

This being the day assigned for Metropolitan
the consideration of the subject of the location of the Rail Road.
Rail Road through certain streets of the City, the following parties
appeared and objected to the same; Joseph B. Fell and others, for
Warren Street - Jacob M. Hathorne against the route prescribed in the
order of notice - G. H. Chickering and others and Charles Sprague and
others against the location in Lever, Washington or Fremont Street.
but before hearing any testimony in the matter the subject was
postponed for two weeks from this day at four o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday
the Nineteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Odiorne.

Communication from the Engineer Dangerous
nears of the Fire Department respecting the dangerous character of Building Dangerous

1138. The building No. 9. Eldon Street, referred to the Committee on the June 19, 1854. Fire Department.

Hain H^c Petition of Enoch Hain H^c and
Clinton Street citizens for laying out a highway in continuation of Clinton Street and parallel to Commercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mass. Hort. Soc^y Petition of the Massachusetts Horti-
cultural Society that the line of School Street, near their premises, may be defined. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ransom Petition of Greeley Ransom and others
that interments in the Burial Ground corner of Dorchester and Fifth Streets may be forbidden. Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Sanderson Petition of J. G. Sanderson and others
occupants of Faneuil Hall Market for a change in time of closing the Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Holbrook Petition of Holbrook and Newcomb
and others in aid of the petition of J. G. Sanderson and others, and
a remonstrance of James Hill and others against the same, were
referred to the Committee on the Market.

Adams Petition of Zephiah B. Adams for the
removal of the brick house now standing on the Public Library
Lot, adjoining his estate. Referred to the Committee on Public Build-
ings. Sent down for concurrence. June 19. Came up concurred.

Petition of S. S. Crocker & others 439.
for a repeal of the 19th Section of the Market Ordinance. Referred June 19, 1854.
red to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Crocker
June 29. Came up concurred.

Communication of the Hancock Hancock
Free Bridge Corporation respecting the sale of their land adjacent to the rail property in Cambridge Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

Petition of Jonathan Emerson and Emerson-
others in relation to a nuisance on the Back Bay - of Christopher Barney.
C. Barney and others in relation to a nuisance in East Orange St. Topliff
of Samuel Topliff and others for abatement of a nuisance near Hells.
Union Park - of J. W. Hottis and others for abatement of a nuisance
corner of Harrison Avenue and East Canton Street. Referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Samuel Theafe to be Theafe.
compensated for the damage sustained by change of grade in Barton.
Fourth Street - of Mary Ann Barton for damages occasioned by a change of grade in Old Harbor Street of Dennis McCarthy for
damages occasioned by a change of grade in Old Road. Referred
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Boston and New New York
York Central Rail Road Company for leave to lay down a temporary Central
track in Dorchester Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Rail Road.

Petition of George W. Crockett & others Crockett.
that a portion of Paul Street may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

June 19, 1854. leave to construct coal hois under the sidewalk in Washington
 Street. Meet of Benjamin Burlingame for leave to move a wooden
 building from Cement and Garden Streets to the Kirby line.
 Referred to the Committee on Paving, with full power.

New York

Central

Rail Road

Alderman Allen offered the follow-
 ing order. Ordered: That the Harbor Master be and he is
 instructed to have or cause piles to be driven at the draw of the
 New York Central Rail Road, for the purpose of aiding vessels in
 warping through the said draw, and the same be charged to
 said Rail Road Company. Read and laid on the table.

Special

Police

On petition of Charles Emerson, and
 on nomination by the Mayor. Edmund Hiscott was appointed a
 Special Police Officer for the neighborhood of Broad and Summer
 Streets.

B. Street

Sewer

No person appearing to object to
 the proposed construction of a Common Sewer in B. Street, said
 subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers and Drains,
 with full power.

Second

Street

Sewer.

No person appearing to object to the
 proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Second Street, South
 Boston, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers
 and Drains with full power.

Myrtle

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of
 Streets be authorized to grade that portion of Myrtle Street laid
 out as a public highway by a vote of this Board passed De-
 cember 19, 1853.

Whereas Enoch Train & Co and others 141

have petitioned this Board to lay out a highway in continuation of June 19, 1854.
Clinton Street in said City, and also from some point on the said Clinton
continuation to Eastern Ticket Pier, and to City Wharf, nearly parallel
with Commercial Street, under and by virtue of the Act of the Quincy
Legislature passed April 20, 1854, entitled "in aid to authorize the City Mercantile
of Boston to lay out a highway;" and in the opinion of the Board Wharf
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the Corporation
said highway should be laid out, as prayed for in the said petition,
it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Josiah
Quincy, and the Mercantile Wharf Corporation, proprietors of the
flats over which the said highway will pass, and other parties
interested, that this Board intend to lay out the said highway, as
prayed for in the said petition, by taking the land and flats over
which the same will pass, and laying out the same as a public
street and that Monday, the twenty sixth day of June instant,
at four o'clock, PM is assigned as the time for hearing any objections
which may be made thereto.

Whereas it appears to this Board, London
that a certain lot of land situated on London Street, between
Meridian and Elder Streets, and belonging to Joseph H. Adams,
J. R. M. Holbrook, Daniel Dutton, and John Dutton, is in a state of
nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, therefore
Ordered, That a notice in writing, be given to the said parties that
they cause the said nuisance, existing on said premises and con-
sisting of foul and stagnant water, to be removed within ten days
from the date hereof, by filling up the same with good coarse
gravel or earth so that the same may be properly drained.

Ordered, That to prevent acci-

June 19, 1854.
Fourth
of July
carriages &c.

dent and for the greater convenience of citizens and processions during the day, and of persons visiting the Common on the evening of the Fourth of July eighteen hundred and fifty four, the following arrangements be made in regard to carriages:-- At 8 o'clock, A.M. all carriages &c. will be excluded from the streets through which the Floral Procession will pass. At 11 o'clock, A.M. all carriages, wagons &c. will be excluded from the streets through which the Municipal Procession will pass. At 6 o'clock, P.M. all carriages, vehicles, refreshment stands &c. will be excluded from Tremont street at School and Beacon, Bromfield at Washington, Winter at Washington, West at Washington, New at Washington, Rydalen at Washington, Tremont at Eliot, Pleasant at Eliot, Church at Railroad Depot, The Mill Dam at Lime Street, Charles Street at Chestnut, Spruce at Chestnut, Walnut at Chestnut, Joy at Mount Vernon, Temple at Mount Vernon, and Beacon at Bowdoin streets, until after the Fireworks are discharged, and the people have left the Common. And the Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to carry the above order into effect.

McCarthy.
Bailey.
Pelham.

On petitions of Michael McCarthy to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street of George Bailey to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Piedmont Street of Sally Pelham to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street: the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Foster Street
Slip

The Committee on laying out & widening Streets to whom was referred the order from this Board instructing this Committee to ascertain what interest in the road

in the "Town Lift" is called, leading from Commercial Street to low water mark or the Commissioner's line, and to consider the expediency of disposing of that interest, having investigated the subject, submit and report, that it is inexpedient to discontinue Foster Street. John T. Dingley for Committee. Read and accepted.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists in Ohio, Spear and Indiana Places caused by an obstructed drain which is owned by Herring heirs Ciment Drain, John Vinciguerra, Emma Sears, John Scollay, Joseph Sawell, Alfred G. Wilson, Josiah Green, Eunice Rhodes Wm Hall, David Maxter, Samuel Rice, Kendall P. Saunders, Ruben F. Gray, Thomas Tapp, Thomas T. Hinchley, James Newcomb, Benjamin L. Weston, John Shaw Thomas Brewer's Estate, and James Paul and whereas it appears that said parties have neglected to abate said nuisance, though duly notified, therefore Ordered That the Superintendent of Health be directed to reconstruct or repair said drain at the expense of the said several parties, and to furnish an outlet for the same under the direction of the Committee on Internal Health.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized to cause the Common Sewer in Couch Street to be cleaned out, and to relay such portions of the same as may be necessary, and to apportion the cost of the same according to law.

On the petition of John B. Babcock and others that the City would defray a portion of the expense of watering Shawmut Avenue between Concord and North Avenue.

444. ampton Streets, the Committee on Internal Health reported in
June 19, 1864. favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners so far as to allow
the sum of One hundred dollars towards such expense for the
months of July and August. Read and accepted.

Hoyt

On the petition of Henry Hoyt
and others that the South Boston line of Omnibuses may be con-
fined to their proper stand in Cornhill;—and on the remonstrance
of D. H. Storer and others against the passing of the Charlestown
Omnibuses through Winter Street; the Committee on Licenses report-
ed that the wishes of the said parties having been complied with,
no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

Intelligence
Office

Joseph Hale Jr. was allowed to
keep an Intelligence Office at N^o 92 Everett Street.

Hall

On petition of Joseph Hall and others
that the City would defray a portion of the expense of watering Thru-
out Avenue near Rockstone Square;—and of A. L. Stevens and others
that the City would aid them in watering the same street; the Com-
mittee on Internal Health reported that the petitioners have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Jewksbury

On petition of William P. Jewksbury
that the Sewer in Harrison Avenue may be lowered, the Commit-
tee on Sewers and Drains reported that the petitioner have leave
to lower said sewer at his own expense and under the direction
of the Superintendent of Common Sewers. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent 445

of Streets be authorized to repair a portion of High & Paul
Streets and make such changes in the grade of said street as
he may deem necessary, and remove all such projections on
the line of said streets as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close
all openings into said Streets which are not secured in accord-
ance with the Ordinances of the City. June 19, 1854 High & Paul Streets.

Ordered, That the Committee on Internal Health have full power to employ such assistance
in the Cholera Hospital, as they may deem expedient for the health
of the City, and the said Committee have full power to take effec-
tive measures for the preservation of Health Cholera Hospital.

The Board being satisfied that a certain tenement being number 155 on Federal Street,
is not provided with a suitable drain. Therefore Ordered, That
due notice be given to the Heirs of Sarah Haws and the Heirs
of Henry Turnum, owners thereof, that said owners are hereby
required to cause a proper and sufficient drain to be construct-
ed for such tenement, to be common and subject to the use
of all the Inhabitants thereof, within five days from the date
hereof. Federal Street.

Ordered, That the order passed July 18, 1853, to pay David M. Dyer twenty five dollars be and the
same hereby is rescinded. Dyer.

Ordered: That the Standing Committee of the Mayor and Aldermen on laying out and
widening Streets, be authorized and directed to confer with the
South Cove Corporation, and any other parties interested, in re-
lation to purchasing the fee of part or all of the streets on the South
Cove Corporation.

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love, so called, by giving in exchange for the same, such portion of the public lands as may seem to them expedient: and that they be authorized to advise with such Boards or Committees of the City Government, as they may deem necessary to effect the above purpose, and to report to the City Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Broad
Street.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be authorized to abate the several amounts assessed against the estates of Thomas Richardson, Moses French, Thomas Tilton, William H. Puntice and Anderson Archer, for laying back sidewalks on Broad Street in front of said estates provided said parties furnish to the City a full relinquishment of any and all claims for damages which they may have for any changes of the grade of said Broad Street up to the date of this order.

Constables
bonds

The Bonds of Luther A. Ham, Daniel S. Gault and John A. Lynch as Constables were approved by the Board.

Wilkinson
" Matt.

Ordered, That there be paid to Simon Wilkinson and Elazer F. Hall the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars for land taken to widen North (late Ann) Street, and said sum to include satisfaction for all damages occasioned by widening as aforesaid whatsoever, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

New York
and New York

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of the Boston and New York Central Railroad

Road Company for leave to move certain buildings, from the 447.
line of their road through South Boston, reported that the petition June 14, 1834.
ers have leave to withdraw. Read and thereupon ordered that
said report be recommended with instructions to the Committee
to report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners un-
der such restrictions as they may deem expedient to protect the
rights and interests of the City.

On nomination by the Mayor Watch
George M. King was appointed constable of the Watch at 5th Station 4. Police.
Joseph B. Mansfield, James Cogan, Wallace M. Tucker, and Daniel
S. Kilnam were appointed on the Piece and Watch.

An order that the sum of Five Eliot.
thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grammar School Charitable School.
Committee for the purpose of aiding Mr. Eliot to continue the Charitable
School established by him in Quincy Street and that the same
be charged to the appropriation for the Reserved Fund was agreed
in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction. Came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Paving to New York
whom was recommended the petition of the Boston and New York Central
Central Rail Road for leave to move certain buildings if rough the Rail Road.
Streets of the City, with instructions to grant the prayer of the petitioners
with such restrictions as they may deem proper. Report: That leave
be granted to said Rail Road Company upon their giving Bonds to
the amount of Five thousand dollars that the work shall be done
to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. For the Com-
mittee G. F. Williams, Chairman. Read and accepted.

June 19. 1854
Juvenicy.

The Joint Special Committee

appointed under the order of June 8th 1854, to consider what further action if any was necessary under the Ordinances concerning Juvenicy, have attended to the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to report: That from an inspection of the laws concerning Juvenicy and Absentees from School, in the City of Boston, it does not appear to be made any part of the duty of the justices of the Police Court, as a Court, to take cognizance of offences arising under said laws. Section 1st of the Act of 1854, says, "Each Justice of the Police Court of the City of Boston may take jurisdiction &c." And Sec. 5th of the same Act provides that "The justices shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the City Council of Boston." The justices of the justices' and Police Court receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum for their services in said Courts, and considering the large amount of business in the same, your Committee do not regard that sum as any thing more than reasonable, for their services rendered in that behalf. Your Committee regard the Laws and Ordinances concerning Juvenicy and Absentees from School as highly useful and important; and believing as they do, that the same should be strictly and rigidly enforced, they would submit, that some reasonable compensation should be made to the justices of the Police Court for the extra duty which will devolve upon them in the administration of the same. The Committee would therefore recommend the passage of the following order. George F. Williams, Asst. Clerk, Daniel W. Allen, C. P. Hindi, J. W. F. Hobbs. Ordered: That the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be paid to each of the Justices of the Police Court for services under the Laws and Ordinances concerning Juvenicy and Absentees from School. In Common Council. Read and

accepted and the order passed. Came up for concurrence. Read 449
and concurred.

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Petition of Brown and Dyer
and others that so much of an Ordinance as imposes a Tax
of Fifty dollars for a license to sell second hand articles, be mod-
ified or repealed, was referred in Common Council to the Commit-
tee on Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid
on the table.

Petition of Henry Homer to
be heard on his petition concerning his title to certain lands
on Springfield Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands
in concurrence.

The Common Council having
elected George A. Hillard as City Solicitor, said action came up
for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Petition of Cheever Mowhall
and others that the City accept an Act to incorporate the Dorchester
Avenue Rail Road Corporation. Referred in Common Council
to the Committee on the Middlesex Rail Road with authority to
print said Act. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Treasurer
be and he is authorized to borrow under the direction of the
Committee on Finance, a sum of money not exceeding Six hun-
dred thousand dollars, in anticipation of the income of the finan-
cial year 1854 and 1855; and that all sums of money under
this order, shall be made payable within the said financial year.
Passed in Common Council. Yeas 38. Nays none. Came up for con-

450 currence. Read and concurred - Yeas - The Mayor, Aldermen Allen,
June 19, 1854. Justice Lingley, Dunham Washburn, Drake and Williams - 8. Nays
none.

Salaries

The Common Council having insisted on their previous votes touching Sections 10. and 12 of the Salary Bill, said action came up to this Board, whereupon this Board receded from its previous vote on Section 12. and concurred with the Common Council - and the Board also amended its previous vote on Section 10. by striking out the amendment which was offered and added to the end of said section, to which the pay of the Policemen was established. Sent down for concurrence.

Police -
pay of -

The following order, which was reported to the Common Council by a Special Committee of that Branch, was passed by that body, viz City Document No 50. Ordered: That the compensation of the Police Officers appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen according to law, shall be at the rate of two dollars per day provided, that this sum shall be in full for all services rendered by them to the City and that they also account to the City for all sums due to or received by them as witnesses in the Police or Municipal Courts. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment - Strike out all after Ordered and insert as follows. That the compensation of the Watch & Police Officers appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen shall be at the rate of two dollars per day or night when on duty; and the Mayor and Aldermen shall have power in cases where it may seem to them just and reasonable to grant additional compensation if consistent with the interests of the City. Said Police Officers & Watchmen shall account to the City for all fees due to or received by

them in their official capacity as witnesses in the Police or Municipal Courts which may be expended in the employment of substitutes for such Watchmen or Police Officers when called away from their stations. Sent down for concurrence.

Alderman Washburn submitted to the Board the following preamble and order thereon, in the opinion of this Board the widening of Union Street at the intersection of Hanover Street by an order of the City Council passed April 27th 1854, is inadequate to the safety and convenience of the inhabitants and ought, for the present, to be discontinued, it is therefore, Ordered, that due notice be given to James M. Beebe, George W. Chipman, & all others interested that this Board intend to discontinue that portion of Union Street embraced in the order above named and that Monday the 26th instant at four o'clock P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. The question being on the passage of the order, Alderman Munroe offered the following order as a substitute *Verio* Original: That the Committee on widening Streets be and they are hereby instructed to carry out the widening of Union Street as passed by the two branches of the City Government, April 27th last. Alderman Gunham moved that both orders be laid upon the table: lost. The question being then upon the passage of Alderman Munroe's order, the same was lost; the question then recurring upon Alderman Washburn's order and the Yeas and Nays being taken thereon, appeared as follows, Yeas, Aldermen Lingard, Washburn, Drake and Williams, 4. Nays. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, & Gunham, 4. So said order did not prevail.

1852.

On motion of Alderman Dun-
ham 19, 1854. from the Ordinance concerning Water Rates was taken from the
Water Rates table and having been amended by striking out from Section 1st
the word six and inserting five; - strike out eight and insert
seven - strike out ten and insert nine; - from Section 2^d strike out
two and insert three. - To Section 3^d add for each Pan closet \$5.00.
The further consideration of the subject was then laid upon the
table, and the Board

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Wednesday the Twenty first day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Allen and
O'Diome.

Harvey
Washburn
Hammer.

Petition of N. Harvey for leave to
exhibit a Nabrus in the Public Garden, July 4, 1854. of R. Washburn
for leave to exhibit a Dwarf - of George Hammer for leave to ex-
hibit some Wild Men of Borneo. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses.

Wilson
Gerrish
Market

Petition of Alexander W. Wilson for
abatement of a nuisance at N. W. Harrison Avenue; and a
communication respecting a nuisance at Gerrish Market.

Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

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Petition of P. S. Charter for leave
to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Burr Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Charter.

Petition of Femima Emerson to be
paid for damage sustained by change of grade in the "Old Road,"
road and thereupon ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw said claim having already been allowed.

Emerson

The Special Committee to which
was referred the complaint of Calvin P. Hinds vs. Elijah W. Spoor
for having insulted and abused him in an unwarrantable, gross
and indecent manner, report, That as Mr. Spoor has tendered
an ample apology and given assurance that no such charge
shall ever be preferred against him hereafter, no further action
is necessary on the part of this Board. For the Committee Geo. F.
Williams, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Spoor.

Hinds.

Ordered: That there be
paid to Richard Fletcher Ludd the sum of Two hundred & fifty
dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Church
Street, to his estate on the corner of said Church Street and
Myette Street, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ludd

The Committee of Conference on June 21, 1854, the part of this Board in relation to the Superintendent of Health reported: that they believe it is for the interest of the City to accept the proposition of the Committee on the part of the Common Council, to confer on the same subject, which was: That Ezra Forristall is their first choice, and in case he declines, or the Board of Mayor and Aldermen should not concur, then they recommend Joseph Wetburn as the most suitable person who has applied for the office. Your Committee feel that as this officer is connected with and is at the head of their department the responsibility of a faithful discharge of his duties does more or less make them culpable, they therefore hope that any person who is competent to discharge the duties, and in whom they have confidence may receive the support of the City Council. Josiah Dunham, Jr. Chairman of the Committee on Internal Health. Read and accepted: and thereupon the ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Health, it appeared that Ezra Forristall was elected in concurrence, with the Common Council.

Mason.

Agreeably to assignment the Board Boston New York took up the subject of damages to W. P. Mason by the location and Central construction of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road, and Rail Road. after a consideration of the subject the following Order was passed: Upon the petition of William P. Mason, of Boston, praying this Board to estimate the damages occasioned to him by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company by the taking of his land and by the laying out, making and maintaining their Rail Road over and upon said land, as in said petition particularly set forth and also to require said Railroad Company to give security for the payment of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded.

ed by this Board or by a jury for the land and damages afore- 755.
said, it now appearing that the said Boston and New York Central June 21, 1854.
Railroad Company have been duly notified of the pendency of
said petition - Ordered: That the damages occasioned to said
petitioner by the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Com-
pany be estimated at the sum of one dollar: and that the said
Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company do give securi-
ty to the satisfaction of this Board for the payment of all such
damages and costs as have been awarded by this Board, or as
shall be awarded by a jury for the land or other property taken as
aforesaid, agreeably to the Statute in that case made and provided.
From which assessment the petitioner claimed an appeal to the
next Court of Common Pleas

On motion of Alderman Dingley - Alston Street
the Board proceeded to visit the wooden building at the corner dangerous
of Alston and Bowdoin Streets alleged to be in a dangerous con- building.
dition - whereupon - it was Ordered: That the Committee on the
Fire Department, in consultation with the City Engineer, be direct-
ed to examine and report to this Board if there is any law or
ordinance, by which the wooden building on the corner of Alston
and Bowdoin Streets may be reached as a nuisance, or by
which the size or dimensions of the building may be reduc-
ed, in order to make the building less dangerous than it now
threatens to be.

Ordered: That Engine Company No. 4 Engine
Captain Edwin Pratt have leave to parade on the South of City Co. F. H.
next as firemen in uniform appearance, with their engine, and
that they may occupy such portion of the Common as they may wish
for such parade, but not to occupy such portion of the Common as

456 may be needed by the City Authorities on that day, Sent down
for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

Supt of Health

A communication was received
from Ezra Tenistate resigning his office of Superintendent of
Health. read and accepted: and the Board having voted
to proceed to a choice of a Superintendent of Health in place
of Mr. Tenistate resigned, it appeared that John Colburn was
elected. Sent down for concurrence. July 6. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock Pm.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday
the twenty sixth day of June Anno Domini 1854

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman O'Brien.

Hennewell.

Petition of W. H. Hennewell & others

Littlefield.

and the common sewer in Market Street may be repaired;
of C. S. Littlefield and others for a common sewer in Fendon Street
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Chickering and Sons 457
for abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in June 26, 1834.
Morton and Northampton Streets. Referred to the Committee Chickering
on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of C. St. John for leave to St. John
give a concert at the Public Garden on July 1st of Charles Stanley Hanna
for leave to give an Ethiopian concert at the Public Garden July 1st - Loring.
of Joseph P. Loring for leave to exhibit a large dog in the Public
Garden. Referred to the Committee on Fairs.

Petition of William W. Clark and Clark
others for abatement of a nuisance in Albion and Emerald Streets.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Calvin Damon and others Damon
for the widening of London Street near Market Street. Referred to
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of James Porter for leave to Porter
construct coal arches under the sidewalk in Broadway of Porter and
Tyler for the same privilege in Custom House Street. Referred to the
Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Henry Humphrey Humphrey
for leave to construct a coal hole and a cellar doorway in the
sidewalk of Broadway. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Robert Godman that Godman
Londait Street may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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June 26. 1854. *Gummins.* Petition of John Gummins for compensation for damage sustained by change of grade in S. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Weld.

Communication of Edward F. Weld respecting a wooden building corner of Eliot and Washington Streets. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Parker.

School Street. Petition of Harvey D. Parker for the discontinuance of a part of School Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Engine

Co. No. 9.

Petition of Engine Co. No. 9 for leave to appear in procession with their Engine on the 4th of July next. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Hidder

Petition of James Hidder for leave to discharge fireworks within the limits of the City. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Wells

Petition of William Wells for leave to erect a well on the Common on July 4th next. Referred to the Committee on the Common.

Berry.

See.

Petition of D. B. Berry and others for the removal of James P. Rice from office of Town Clerk. Referred to Aldermen Williams and Dunham.

Capen

Petition of Heirs of Thomas Capen for compensation for land taken to widen Marshall Street. Referred to a Special Committee as therein requested viz: Aldermen Dunham and Munroe.

Petition of Stephen Smith and 4159
others that better accommodations be furnished for Police Station June 26, 1854.
F.S. referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down Smith.
for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

Remonstrance of Dane, Dana Dane
and others, occupants of stores in North and South Market Streets,
against the petition of J. I. Crocker and others for a repeal of a portion
of the Market Ordinance. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came up
concurred.

Remonstrance of Joseph Tannison. Tannison
and others, producees against the petition of J. I. Crocker and others
for a repeal of a portion of the Market Ordinance. Referred to the
Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came
up concurred.

Petition of G. P. Turkbury & others Turkbury
that Hersey Hall may be better ventilated. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down for concurrence.
June 29. Came up concurred.

Petition of Fitchburg Rail Road Fitchburg
Company for leave to lay the Cochituate Water Pipe in Charlestown. Rail Road.
Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence.
June 29. Came up concurred.

A Communication was re- Boston &
ceived from the Directors of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Dam Roxbury
Corporation tendering to the citizens of Boston the free use of their Mill Dam
Avenue on the afternoon of the 14th of July and requesting that Corporation.
a proper Police Force be stationed on said Avenue to protect the
same from injury: read and referred to the Mayor, who was

1466 instructed to return to the Directors the thanks of this Board for
June 26. 1854 their timely and generous offer.

Water

Rate.

On motion of Alderman Williams the Board took from the table the ordinance to establish Water Rates, and a motion to reconsider the amendments adopted June 19th having been lost, the Ordinance was passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 6. Came up concurred.

Clinton

Stad.

No persons appearing to object to the proposed laying out of the extension of Clinton Stad., the further consideration of the subject was laid upon the table.

Music on
Common.

On motion of Alderman Drake the order respecting Music upon the Common (as recorded on page 421) was taken from the table, and was amended by striking out at "three months from date," and inserting "two months from July 1st 1854." Alderman Munroe then moved to lay the order upon the table, and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon they were taken as follows. Yeas. Aldermen Munroe, Dunham and Williams, 3. Nays. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingier, and Drake, 4. Said motion was rejected and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

Hammer.

On petition of George Hammer for a license to exhibit some Wild Men of Borneo, the Committee on Licenses reported in favor of granting the same for Mudbury Street. Read and accepted.

Wilson

On petition of Alexander W. Wilson for abatement of a nuisance, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the nuisance having been abated no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee

on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to sell June 26, 1864, upon such terms as they may deem for the best interests of the City, Old Hancock about two hundred and twenty five square feet of land appertaining to the Old Hancock School House on Hancock Street. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

The Special Committee of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, to whom was referred the communication of the Governor of the House of Correction, requesting an enlargement of the House of Correction, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully Report: It appears by the communication which has been referred to us, that there are not a sufficient number of cells at the House of Correction, for the accommodation of all the prisoners. It will therefore become necessary to supply the deficiency; and, in the opinion of the Committee, this can be done more economically, and more for the interest of the City, at Deer Island, than in the present location of the House of Correction. The preparation of the additional cells at South Boston, will cost as much as at Deer Island, with the exception of that portion of the expense which will be saved by employing convicts. The building at Deer Island is already erected; and merely requires to be fitted for this purpose. It has been estimated that the House at Deer Island will contain about 1200 cells; a larger number than, we hope, will be needed for many years. The expense of fitting up 500 cells, which are all that are at present necessary, has been estimated at about \$35,000. Then by the use of the old materials at South Boston, and the employment of the convicts from time to time, as they may be wanted, the additional number of 700 could be prepared, at an expense of about \$20,000,

House of
Correction.

June 26. 1854. making the whole cost of the 1200 cells about \$55,000. The building now used for a House of Correction could be more advantageously applied by the City to other purposes. And, in view of the amount of expenditure required, the Committee are of the opinion that it would not be advisable to lay out large sums for new buildings and cells at South Boston, which cannot be expected to be permanently devoted to its present use. The Committee therefore respectfully submit the following Resolutions and Order; the first of which is for the action of this Board alone; while the second, involving the expenditure of more than \$5000, will, in case of its passage, have to be sent to the other branch of the City Council. For the Committee, J. V. Smith, Chairman. Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the best interests of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk require, that the House of Correction should be removed from its present location, and established at Deer Island. Read, accepted and the Resolutions passed, a motion to lay the same on the table having been lost.

House of
Correction.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are hereby authorized to fit up a portion of the brick building on Deer Island, for the accommodation and detention of the convicts of the House of Correction, and to cause the said convicts to be transported to Deer Island when the said accommodations are completed; the expense whereof is estimated at thirty five thousand dollars: the same being in conformity with a Report and Resolutions of the Mayor and Aldermen passed by them June 26. 1854. Passed. A motion to lay the foregoing order upon the table was rejected by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Allen, Whitburn, and Duke 3 Nays, The Mayor, Aldermen Hancock, Dingley, Dunham and Williams 5. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Directors | 463

of the House of Industry and reformation in connection with June 26. 1854
the Committee on Public Buildings cause such repairs and alterations to be made in the buildings at South Boston as will adapt them for the occupancy of the Singers and House of Reformation Boys belonging to said Institutions. Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Engine Co. No. 9 reported the following order— Ordered: That leave be granted to Engine Company No. 9 to appear in uniform with their Engine on July 11th 1854, and to occupy such portion of the Common on that day as is not otherwise appropriated by the City Authorities. Sent down for concurrence. June 29. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Accounts to whom was referred the communication from the City Auditor asking for an increase in the allowance for clerk hire in his office, having considered the subject recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, B. L. Allen, Chairman. Ordered: That the present allowance for clerk hire in the office of the Auditor of Accounts be increased to the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars, the same to take effect from the first day of April last, and to be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 6. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the Common Law Court on Seventh Street be extended towards Dorchester Street, and that due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next

Seventh Street.

464. at four o'clock, PM, take into consideration the expediency of
June 26 1854. applying the expense thereof on all persons who may enter
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any per-
son making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Theafe- On the several petitions of Sam-
McCarthy uel Theafe for compensation for change of grade in Fourth Street; of
Gentry. Dennis McCarthy for damages in the "Old Road"; of Constantine
Burton. Scherly for damages in 1. Street; of Mary Ann Burton for dam-
ages in the "Old Road"; the Committee on Paving reported that
the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Washburn R. Washburn has leave to exhibit
a Dwarf in the City of Boston.

Harvey N. Harvey was allowed to exhib-
it a Walrus in the Public Garden July 4, 1854, on the usual conditions.

Crockett. On petition of George W. Crockett &
Kent Muel. others that a portion of Park Street may be repaired the Com-
mittee on Paving reported, that the prayer of the petitioners has
been complied with. Read and accepted.

Walsh On notice of Richard Walsh's in-
tention to build on corner of Milton and Brighton Streets, the Com-
mittee on Streets reported that no action is required as to the line
of said streets, but that the notice be referred to the Committee on Pav-
ing. Read and accepted.

Whereas, in the opinion of the 465

Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require June 26. 1854.
that Atkinson Street should be widened at the corner of Milk Street Robinson
it is therefore hereby Ordered That due notice be given to E. Blake, Atkinson
J. G. Russell, Nathan Appleton, J. W. Louden, A. S. Shepherd, George Baker, Street.
W. Beals Jr, J. W. Pierce, C. M. Norton, W. G. Eaton & G. H. Jones, that this
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part
of the land and laying out the same as a public street, and
that Monday, the third day of July at four o'clock, P.M. is as-
signed as the time for hearing any objections which may be
made thereto.

Ordered: That the security offer New York
ed by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company on the Central
petition of Caleb W. Fering Patrick Coffie, David Jameson Walker & Humes, Rail Road.
Philip Annin, Cyrus Hager Charles Hall and William P. Mason, being
respectively Bonds with the said company as Principal and Ed-
ward Crane, Welcome Farnum, Hamilton Willis and H. M. Holbrook
as sureties, is satisfactory to this Board.

Whereas it appears to this High Street
Board that a certain drain in High Street Court is in a state of
nuisance caused by obstructions therein, and whereas Nicholas
Tule, Madison Beal, and Aaron Guild, owners thereof, though duly
notified have neglected to cleanse said drain, therefore Ordered:
That the Superintendent of Health cause said obstructed drain
to be cleansed and repaired forthwith at the expense of the said
several parties.

Ordered: That the Superin = Sidewalk
tendent of Streets be authorized to grant permits to make apertures gratings
or construct gratings in any street in compliance with the twenty

1166 eighth, twenty ninth and thirtieth sections of the Ordinance in
June 26, 1854. relation to streets passed October 1st 1850

Shawmut

nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that certain lots of land on Shawmut Avenue belonging to Pratt and Hunnewell, and Mrs. Kelly, are in a state of nuisance; and whereas said parties though duly notified, have neglected to remove the same, therefore, Ordered, that the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to abate said nuisance by filling up said lots of land with good coarse gravel or earth at the expense of said parties.

Hemmer

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, George Hemmer was licensed to exhibit the Wild Men of Borneo at Sudbury Street.

Carleton

Beach Street.

Whereas William Carleton has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Beach Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said William Carleton that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the third day of July next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, Albert Morgan was appointed a Special Police Officer Long Island

On petition of Henry Humphrey 467.
for leave to construct a coal hole and cellar doorway in front of June 26, 1851.
his building Broadway, the Committee on Paving reported that Humphrey.
leave be granted on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee Bumstead
on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to leave Court.
the sidewalk at the end of the school house in Bumstead Court
so that it will correspond with the grade of said Court.

On petition of Fisk Russell & National
others for a Common Sewer in National Street, the Committee Street.
on Sewers reported that that subject had been attended to, and
they offered the following order which was adopted. Ordered, That
so much of the petition of Fisk Russell as relates to the grade of
National Street be referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered: That there be paid New North
to the Proprietors of the New North Church the sum of twenty five Church.
hundred and eleven ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars for land taken to widen Clark Clark Street.
Street, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same
be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening
Streets.

Whereas it appears to this Board Hancock.
that a brick chimney upon the house of John Hancock, Esq. on Chimney.
Beacon Street is in an unsafe and defective condition, and
whereas the said Hancock though duly notified, has neglected to

468. Take down, repair or secure said chimney therefore, Enclaud, that the Superintendent of Health cause said chimney to be either taken down or else to be effectually secured from danger of falling at the expense of said Hancock.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty ninth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Washburn.

Leonard
Elbow Street. Petition of M. B. Leonard & others,
for a Common Sewer in Elbow Street. Referred to the Committee
on Sewers and Drains.

Hayne
Petition of J. H. Hayne for leave
to exhibit some stuffed birds and animals at the Public Garden
for three days. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Nicholson
Petition of J. C. Nicholson for leave
to move a wooden building from Tremont Street to Northampton
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

On petition of James Kilder 1469.
for leave to discharge fireworks within the limits of the City. June 29, 1854.
the Committee on Licenses reported favor to withdraw. Read and Kilder
accepted.

Petition of Otis A. Skinner Warren
and others, of lot 12, 3 Williams and others of George P. Reed Street.
and others, in favor of the extension of Warren Street to Bayston
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John M. Nichols to Nichols
be paid for land taken to widen North Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

On petition of James T. Low Low.
for appointment as an Auctioneer, the Committee on Licenses Auctioneer.
reported in favor of granting the same. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That any and Fire
all of the Fire Department of this City have permission to pa Department.
rade on the Fourth of July next, in uniform or otherwise, with or
without their Fire Apparatus, and to occupy any portion of the Com-
mon not wanted on that day for the City Council. Sent down for
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Agreeably to the reports of the Loring
Committee on Licenses, leave was granted to Joseph P. Loring to
exhibit a large Hog in the Public Garden for one week - and to that Huntley.
Huntley to give an Ethiopian Concert at the same place on July
11th next.

Ordered: That the order which Walnut
passed this Board on the fourteenth day of June 1854. establish Street.

470 ing the assessment for constructing a common sewer in Wal-
line 29. 1854. nut Street and the same is hereby rescinded, and declared
of no effect.

Police.

On motion by the Mayor, Levi
S. Whitcomb was appointed a Special Police Officer to take charge
of the East Boston Burying Ground.

Auctioneers

Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Licenses, the following named persons were ap-
pointed Auctioneers of the City, viz: Kimball & Robinson, Edward
D. Clark Jun, John Tyler, Samuel Hatch, Hersey & Harrington,
B. S. Stacey, N. A. Thompson, Townsend, Mallard & Gowing, Whit-
well, Brother & Co. J. Brown & Sons, Edward J. Hall, Samuel K. Bayley,
Tucker & Parker, J. A. Porter & Co. Geo. R. Hichborn, J. A. Coolidge, B. S.
Evans, Richard Riley, Sidney Fisher, Thayer & Brodhead, Leonard
H. Loring & Phillips.

Highway

Street

Pratt

Ordered: That the Committee
on laying out and widening Streets ascertain what the owners
or representatives of the State on Hawley Street between Frank-
lin Street and Summer Street known by the name of the "Pratt
State", will sell to the City a strip or lot of their land for the
purpose of widening said Hawley Street, and report the same
to this Board with a plan of the premises.

Cambridge

Rail Road

This being the day assigned for
the consideration of the subject of the location of the Cambridge
Rail Road in this City and no persons appearing to remonstrate
or object to said location as prayed for by the Corporation - G. G. Hub-
bard, Esq. counsel for the Corporation stated to the Board the plans
and intentions of the Company - after which the subject was

laid upon the table until tomorrow afternoon; and the Board 471

Adjourned to Friday (tomorrow) at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Thirtieth day of June, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Linsley.

Petition of Gardner Brewer for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Beacon Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Brewer

Petition of William H. Dodge for license to give a Musical Entertainment at the Public Garden July 4th. Referred to the Committee on Licenses with full power. Dodge.

Leave was granted to J. N. Hayne to exhibit Birds and Animals at the Public Garden on the 3^d 4th & 5th of July. Hayne

On the remonstrance of W^m B. Reynolds and others against the location of a Cholera Hospital on Fort Hill, the Committee on Internal Health reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Reynolds.

Ordered: That there be paid to Kirby Page the sum of Twenty five hundred and twenty Page North West.

177. right of the City for land taken to widen North Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets.

Pierce.
Federal &
Franklin
Streets.
Ordered: That there be paid to William P. Pierce the sum of Nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars for land taken to widen Federal and Franklin Streets upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets.

Appleton.
Court Street.
Ordered: That there be paid to the heirs of J. B. Appleton deceased the sum of one hundred and four dollars for land taken to widen Court Street, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Streets.

Metropolitan
Rail Road.
Agreeably to assignment the Board resumed the consideration of the location of the Metropolitan Railroad, and remonstrances of Lyman White and others, and of G. H. Kuhn and others against the proposed route of location, were received and placed on file:—after a discussion on the legality of proceeding further on this topic before the Act of 1854. This was then accepted by the City of Newbury, the subject was laid upon the table.

The subject of the location of 47 1/2
the Cambridge Rail Road which was specially assigned for this Cambridge
day, was also taken up and was laid upon the table. Rail Road

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Monday the Third day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn
and Dingley.

Petition of Joseph Times & others Times.
That a nuisance in Northampton Street may be abated and of Holt.
A. D. Abbott and others that a nuisance in Malden Street may be
abated: Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of the Germania Lese- Germania
made Band for leave to give Evening Concerts upon the Common Band.
for the City. Referred to the Committee on the Common.

Petition of John W. Rhodes for ap- Rhodes
pointment as an Auctioneer. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

1774.
July 2, 1854.
Cushing. Petition of John Cushing to be
paid for damage to his estate in D. Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

May
Gullon. Petition of Samuel A. Way for leave
to move a wooden building from Pearl Street to Harrison Avenue.
G. Michael Gullon for leave to exchange his coal hole in Pearl Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Lipwell.
Mar. 11, 1854. Remonstrance of J. J. Lipwell and
others against the extension of Warren Street to Boylston Street. Referred
to the Committee on Streets.

Rockbury.
Hymnouth H. A communication was received
from the City of Rockbury asking for the appointment of a Committee
of the City Council of Boston to confer with the former government re-
specting the best mode of abating the nuisance on Hymnouth and
Northampton streets. Read and the Committee on Internal Health were
appointed said Committee of conference.

School
Festival. Communication from the
School Committee of Boston asking for the usual appropriation to
defray the reasonable expenses of the annual School Festival.
are referred to the Committee on Public Instruction with full power.
Sent down for concurrence. July 6. Came up concurred.

Rogers. Petition of George B. Rogers and
others that the Fountains in Union Park may be completed. Re-
ferred to the Cochituate Water Board with full power. Sent down
for concurrence. July 6. Came up concurred.

Petition of John Wright for 475
use of the large Pavilion on the Common on the 5th and 6th of July. July 3, 1854
was read and granted by the Board. Wright.

The reports of the officers ap- Tuant
pointed to take care of Tuant children and Thomas from School. officers.
for the quarter ending June 30 were read and placed on file.

The report of the Chief of Police Chief of
and Captain of the Watch for the month of June was read and Police.
sent down. In Common Council Read and placed on file.

The quarterly reports from the Ho. of Correction.
Master of the House of Correction and the Superintendent of the Sanatic
Sanatic Hospital showing the national character of the inmates. Hospital
of these Institutions were read and placed on file.

The quarterly report of the Super- Streets.
intendent of Streets for July 1854. was read and sent down. In Common
Council Read on file.

The quarterly report of the Su- Health.
perintendent of Internal Health for July 1854. was read and sent
down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Petition of William Chad- Chadbourn
bourn and others to be paid for land taken from them in construct- Greenough
ing a sewer in Greenough Lane. Referred to the committee on roads and Drains. Lane.

Ordered: That the Chief of Mill Dam
Police be and he is hereby instructed to prevent any carriages Carriages.

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July 3, 1854. passing or remaining stationary on the Mill Dam during the time occupied in the regatta in consequence of the danger to life and limb from the great crowd of people that will be on the ground.

Cross Street

Raymond

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Cross Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to T. R. Raymond, bounded as follows, viz: Southwestwardly by Cross Street, there measuring sixty four feet and $\frac{45}{100}$ of a foot; Southwardly by Hanover Street, three feet and $\frac{49}{100}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Cross Street sixty four feet and fifty hundredths of a foot; and Southeastwardly by land of Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, four feet and $\frac{80}{100}$ of a foot; containing two hundred and sixty eight square feet and $\frac{50}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening made by E. G. Whitcomb dated July 3rd 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Cross Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Fourteen hundred dollars: which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Petition of J. Nankman for 477

compensation for personal injuries sustained by obstructions in South July 3, 1854
Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Nankman
renewed. July 6. Came up concurred.

No person appearing to object J. and
to the proposed construction of a common sewer in F. Street & South Seventh St.
Street, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers
and Drains with full power.

No person appearing to object to Beach Street.
the proposed widening of Beach Street by taking land of William Lusk
son said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets
with full power.

Agreeably to notice Nathan Ap- Atkinson
pleton, W. S. Eaton, Edward Blake and others, appeared and object-
ed to the proposed widening of Atkinson Street at the corner of
Milk Street when the further consideration of the subject was
postponed to Monday next.

The Common Council having House of
referred to the Committee on Institutions, the order of this Board Industry.
dated June 26, which contemplated the repair and alterations of
the Old House of Industry at South Boston, said action came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having South Cove
nonconcurred with this Board in the passage of the order of June
19, 1854 respecting the South Cove Streets, this Board voted to insist
upon its former vote. Sent down for concurrence. July 6. Came up.
nonconcurred.

The Common Council having Alice
nonconcurred in the passage of the order of this Board June 19th re- pay of

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July 3. 1854. directing the pay of the Police, the subject on motion of Alderman
Edwards was laid upon the table.

Petition of John W. Blanchard and
Blanchard others for a modification of the Ordinance respecting the sale of
second hand articles. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances in
concurrence.

Beach Street
Cadden.

Resolved, That the safety and con-
venience of the inhabitants of the City require that Beach Street
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel
of land belonging to William Cadden bounded as follows, to-wit:
by the said street then measuring fifty six feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a
foot; Westwardly by and Northwardly taken from the said Cadden to
widen the said street two feet; Northwardly by the proposed line of
widening of the said street fifty six feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; and
Eastwardly by a parcel of land, $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, containing one hun-
dred and one square feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a square foot more or less.
And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,
as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore Or-
dained, That the parcel of land here described be, and the
same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way
of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made
by E. S. Sherbrough dated July 3^d 1854 and deposited in the of-
fice of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board
doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Beach
street, as aforesaid, will amount to three hundred dollars: which
sum together with the amount of estimates of various alterations
or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal

year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

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July 3, 1854.

The Common Council having referred to the Committee on Institutions &c. the order of this Board dated June 26, 1854 which contemplates the alteration of the brick building on Des. Island so as to fit it for a House of Correction, and action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider and report whether any rules and regulations are necessary in relation to the storage and sale of Camphene, Turpentine and other explosive or inflammable fluids and petroleum products: and, if they shall deem it expedient, report an Ordinance in relation thereto. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be printed and distributed, for the information of the inhabitants of the City, Twelve thousand five hundred copies of the Auditor's Forty second Annual Report, being an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1853-54, together with copies of the Treasurers accounts for the same year. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Paul G. Wallis report, That liberty be given Mr. Wallis to erect the front wall of a dwelling house on lot numbered eleven Union Park on a uniform line with house on lot numbered ten; also that the wall of house to be erected on lot numbered twelve shall be placed at the east end par-

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July 2. 1851. allel with lot number eleven, and at the west end ten feet back from the street in conformity with the conditions of sale. For the Committee, Barnham Plummer. In Common Council, Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Public
Instruction.
child expelled
from School.
The Common Council having amended the order of this Board dated June 12. by striking out these words between A. and B. "as an expression of the opinion of the City Council, together." Said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hucks
& Wagons
The Committee on Licenses reported in favor of granting Hucks and Wagon licenses numbered from 1. to 1733 inclusive as recorded in the books of the Superintendent. Read and accepted.

Carriages.
The Committee on Licenses reported in favor of granting carriage licenses numbered from 1. to 433 inclusive, except Nos. 19. 138. 177. 201. 213. 236. 238. 261. 265. 291. 320. 324. 334. 399. 407. 410. 414. 415. as recorded in the books of the Superintendent. Read and accepted.

Truithworth
Spendthrift
It appearing to the Board from the testimony of Had More and others that Constant Truithworth of this City is a spendthrift and does by excessive drinking and idleness so mispend and lessen his estate, as not only to bring himself and family to want, but renders the City liable to a charge for his maintenance and support; it was ordered, that a complaint setting forth these facts be made to the Judge of Probate to the end that a Guardian may be appointed for said Truithworth as by the Statute made and provided.

On motion of Alderman Odlor 181
and the report and order concerning the Steam Fire Engine. July 5, 1854
were taken from the table and the question being on concurring with the Common Council in the passage of the order of May 25. Steam fire engine.
Alderman Odlor moved to concur with the following amendment, strike out seven thousand dollars and insert eight thousand dollars, which motion was adopted. And on the question of passing the order as amended the Yeas and Nays being required were taken as follows. Yeas: The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dunham, Odlor 4. Nays: Aldermen Munroe, Drake, Williams 3. The said order was adopted as amended. Alderman Williams gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should move for a reconsideration of the above vote.

Adjourned to Friday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Friday the Seventh day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dingley & Allen.

Petition of Harriman Putnam and Putnam.
others that a lamp be placed and lighted in Cleveland Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

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Ward

Petition of Patrick Ward
for a license to deal in Second Hand articles at a lower rate than
the Ordinance allows. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Carpenter
Herry.

Communication of Carpenter
and Herry respecting a new and improved pattern of a Fire
Engine. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Tremont
Street
nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists north of Dover Street between Middlessex
and Tremont Streets, occasioned by filthy and stagnant water,
on premises of Warren White, Hugh Huntington, E. C. White, Thom-
as Brewer; and whereas said parties though duly notified have
neglected to abate the same, therefore, Ordered: That the Superinten-
dent of Health be and he is hereby directed forthwith to remove
said nuisance by filling up said land with good coarse gravel
or earth at the expense of the said several parties.

Hull Street
Cemetery.

Ordered: That the City Registrar
be directed to repair the tombs in the Hull Street Cemetery, many
of which are open & exposed, and abate any nuisance which may exist
in the said enclosure, and to assess the expense thereof on the pro-
prietors of the property.

Harbor.
Respones in.

Ordered: That the Committee
on the Harbor cause all obstructions in said Harbor which
project beyond the Commissioners Line to be removed forthwith,
with power to apply to the Attorney General or District Attorney
and City Solicitor to prosecute all trespassers beyond said line.
Sent down for concurrence. (See page 517)

tee on claims to whom was referred the petition of B. F. Cooke for double pay for the Police for the week ending Friday, June 2, 1854, respectfully report that the petitioner should have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Durham, Jr. Chairman, read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. July 13. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Chairman of the Committee on County Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to make arrangements to have food furnished to such prisoners confined in the Court House as may seem to be in especial need of the same, and the expense charged to the appropriation for County Accounts.

Ordered: That the Captains of the Police Stations be and they are hereby authorized, under the direction of His Honor, the Mayor, to furnish common but wholesome food to such prisoners under their charge as may seem to be in especial need of the same, the expense of which shall be charged to the appropriation for Watch and Police.

On the petition of Moses Woodbury. Resolved: That the business and trade prosecuted by John W. Crafts on the northwesterly side of Second Street between 5th and 6th Streets, is in the opinion of this Board, offensive to the comfort & injurious to the property of a large portion of the inhabitants of this City, and is therefore a nuisance within the meaning of the statute, therefore, Ordered: That the said John W. Crafts be and he is hereby directed to desist forthwith from the further prosecution of the business of manufacturing Tallow, Lard and Sausages in said

184. locality; And he is moreover forbidden to exercise said trade
within the limit of said city without the express permission of
this Board. Accepted and the order passed.

Sullivan

The Joint Standing Committee on
Claims to whom was referred the petition of John W. Sullivan for
compensation for damages occasioned by the crowd &c. on Long
Wharf on the second day of June last respectfully report that the
petitioner should have leave to withdraw. For the Committee J. Dun-
ham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence
July 13. Came up concurred.

Ellis

The Joint Standing Committee on
Claims to whom was referred the petition of J. I. Ellis to be paid
for damages sustained in his business June 2. 1854. respectfully
report that the petitioner should have leave to withdraw. For the
Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent
down for concurrence. July 13. Came up concurred.

Barney
Chubbuck

On petitions of Christopher C. Barney
and Chubbuck Richardson and others for abatement of nuisances
in East Orange Street, and in North Centre Street, the Committee
on Internal Health reported, that as said matters have been
properly attended to no further action is required thereon. Read
and accepted.

Bollon
Steel.
O'Brien

Whereas it appears to this Board that
a nuisance exists on premises of Peter O'Brien in Bollon Street, South
Boston, caused by stagnant water in the cellar of his house, and
whereas said O'Brien though duly notified has neglected to abate
said nuisance, therefore Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health

be and he is hereby directed to abate said nuisance by constructing 185.
a suitable drain to said premises so that said stagnant water July 7, 1854.
may be removed, at the expense of the said O'Brien.

Whereas a nuisance exists on Belknap
premises of John Wells on Belknap Street caused by an accumula-
tion of filth and dirt and whereas said Wells though duly notified, Wells
has neglected to remove the same, therefore, Ordered: That the Super-
intendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to remove said nuis-
ance forthwith at the expense of the said Wells.

Whereas it appears to this Board Merrimac
that a nuisance exists on premises of Robert W. Higgin at N. 30.
Merrimac Street caused by an accumulation of filth and whereas, Higgin.
said Higgin, though duly notified, has neglected to abate said
nuisance, therefore Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause
said filth to be removed and said premises cleaned at the
expense of the said Higgin.

Whereas it appears to this Board Causeway
that a nuisance exists on premises of John Wells at N. 92 and
off Causeway Street, caused by an accumulation of filth and
dirt, and whereas said Wells, though duly notified, has neglected
to remove the same, therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of
Health be and he is hereby directed to cause said filth and dirt
to be removed from said premises at the expense of the said
Wells.

Whereas it appears to this Board Washington
that a nuisance caused by foul and obstructed drains exists
in Washington Square on premises of Miller Farnsworth, and
Farnsworth.

700 said Farnsworth having been notified, has neglected to
July 7, 1854. abate said nuisance, therefore, Ordered, that the Superintendent
of Health cause said obstructed drains to be repaired and cleaned
forthwith at the expense of the said Farnsworth.

Read.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Edward F. Weld concerning the wooden building corner of Eliot and Washington Streets, reported, that no action is necessary so far as the said Committee is concerned, but they suggest its reference to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets. Read and accepted.

Order
and
signature of

On motion of Alderman Odiorne the nomination of Nathaniel G. Davis as Constable of the Watch was taken from the table and he was appointed to said office.

Special
Police

On nomination by the Mayor, James H. Scrudd was appointed a Special Police Officer for the Ship yard of Donald Mc Kay.

Hays

On motion of Alderman Odiorne the resignation of Joseph H. Hays as a Police Officer was taken from the table and was accepted by the Board.

Committee
Inspectors

The quarterly report of the Inspectors of Ballast & Lighters came up from the Common Council and was read and placed on file.

Committee
School
for boys

The Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island to whom was referred the subject of the expediency of establishing a School for Boys (under

the care of the City Government, in which shall be taught
practical seamanship. Report: That after due consideration no
action appears to be necessary at this time, but they would rec-
ommend the passage of the accompanying Resolves. For the
Committee, John Colin, Jr. Resolved, That in the opinion of the
City Government the establishment of Marine Schools in the
large harbors of the Union, would conduce to improvement in
the class of persons employed as seamen, and in a great de-
gree satisfy the pressing wants of Commerce. Resolved: That
His Honor, the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of the
above Resolve to our Senators and Representatives in Congress,
and request them to urge an early attention to the subject. In
Common Council accepted and the resolves passed. Came up for
concurrence. Read and laid on the table. (See page 495.)

Whereas Cyrus Gould the Secre-
tary of the Joint Special and Standing Committee of the City Coun-
cil is now unable by reason of illness to attend to the duties of
his office, and whereas said duties have been performed by Wm.
Pitham Bonney, Jr. since July 24th last. Therefore, Resolved: That
an amount equal to the usual salary of the office of Secre-
tary of the Joint Standing and Special Committee be paid to
Pitham Bonney, Jr. for his past and future services in said
capacity until otherwise ordered by the City Council, said
amount to be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Passed
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-
curred.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be, and he hereby is authorized to do

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Bonney.

Station

House

488 The following work under the direction of the Committee on Public Buildings; and that the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings viz: To build three additional cells in Station house N^o 6 at South Boston, at an expense not exceeding \$100. To alter Station house N^o 2 in City Building, so as to accommodate the Chief of Police and his officers, at an expense not exceeding five hundred and fifty dollars. To build five new cells in Station House N^o 3 in Everett Street, and make such other alterations as may be needed there, at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars, provided the present lease can be extended for ten years after its present term. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.
see page 497.

Oration.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to the Rev. A. A. Stone, for the Oration delivered by him before the Municipal Authorities, on the recent celebration of the twenty eighth anniversary of the declaration of American Independence, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Escort.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Alfred W. Turner, Esq. Chief Marshal, and to his Aids and Assistants, for their services on the recent celebration of the twenty eighth anniversary of the declaration of American Independence. Passed in concurrence.

Escort.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Col. Chas. L. Holbrook and the officers and members of the 1st Regiment of Light Infantry, for their prompt

ance of exert duty, on the recent celebration of the seventy eighth 189.
anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. Passed July 7, 1884.
ed in concurrence.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to the Rev. Charles Porter Chaplain, and to A. Wallace Thaxter, Esq. Reciter of the Declaration of Independence, for their valuable services at the recent celebration of the seventy eighth Anniversary of American Independence. Passed in concurrence.

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Messrs Baker & Johnson and the children of the Public Schools, under their direction, for their services on the recent celebration of the seventy eighth anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. Passed in concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Dunham the order of notice respecting the extension of Clinton Street, was taken from the table and was referred to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets with full power.

Ordered: That the Committee of Arrangements for the appropriate celebration of the Fourth of July, report to the City Council the expense of the display of fireworks in East Boston on the evening of the Fourth of July. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment - "It is inserted the following: 'For the item total of expense by the City since January 1854 in Ward 2.' Sent down for concurrence.

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On motion of Alderman Oli-

one the report and order respecting an enlargement of the
Sanatic Hospital at South Boston were taken from the table,
Hospital and the further consideration of the subject was indefinitely
postponed.

Clinton

Resolved, That the safety and

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convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that the

Quincy

following described tract should be laid out and for that pur-

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pose it is necessary to take, and lay out as public streets or ways

Quincy

of the said City, a piece of land belonging to Isaac Quincy and

the Mercantile Navy Corporation bounded as follows, viz: Beginning

at the most westerly corner of the said land, being the point

where a line parallel to the northerly line of North Market Street

extended, and distant fifty feet northwardly therefrom made the

southeasterly line of Commercial Street; thence running eastwardly,

parallel to the said northerly line extended, ninety three feet and

$\frac{15}{100}$ of a foot; thence southwardly, parallel to the westerly line of

Commercial Street, sixty five feet; thence eastwardly, parallel to

the said northerly line extended, twenty feet; thence northwardly

parallel to the said westerly line sixty five feet; thence eastwardly,

parallel to the said northerly line extended, one hundred and

twenty six feet and $\frac{95}{100}$ of a foot; thence northeastwardly, parallel to

Commercial Street, fifty three feet and $\frac{4}{10}$ of a foot; thence west-

wardly, parallel to the said northerly line extended, eighteen feet

and $\frac{4}{10}$ of a foot; thence northeastwardly, parallel to Commer-

cial Street, and at the distance of one hundred and sixty six

feet southeastwardly therefrom, about four hundred and fifty

eight feet and $\frac{9}{10}$ of a foot, to the southeasterly line of the Eastern

Packet Pier, so called; thence northwestwardly, along the said

Southwesterly line, sixty six feet; thence Southwesterly, parallel 491
to Commercial Street, about four hundred and twenty two feet; thence 1067
westwardly, parallel to the said northerly line extended, and at
the distance of ninety feet northwardly therefrom, one hundred &
thirty three feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; and thence Southwesterly, along
the Southwesterly line of Commercial Street, sixty three feet and $\frac{1}{2}$
of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing about forty three
thousand, two hundred and sixty square feet, more or less. And
Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board
to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid as ap-
pears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore ordered That
the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is,
under and by virtue of the act of the Legislature entitled "An
act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a 'highway,' taken and
laid out as public streets or ways of the said city according to a
plan of the same made by Henry S. McKean dated May 10th 1854
and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.
And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of laying out the
said streets, as aforesaid, will amount to four thousand dollars:
which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous al-
terations or discontinuances in said streets, during the present
municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dol-
lars.

The Common Council Having Pay of Police
non-concurred with this Board in the passage of the amended
order of the Board dated June 19th last respecting the pay of the Police
this Board receded from its said vote and concurred with the
Common Council in the passage of the order of Dec 10, 1854, as record-
ed on page 393, with the following amendment between A. and B.

1492. Strike out 'this sum shall be in full for all services rendered by
July 7 1854. them to the city. and that' and at C. strike out the word 'and'.
Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 12. came up concurred.

Steam Fire Engine. Agreeably to notice Alderman Mel-
lons moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Board concurred
with the Common Council in the passage of the order authorizing
the purchase of a steam fire engine - which motion prevailed, and
thereupon Alderman Williams moved to insert the Committee on the
Fire Department instead of the Joint Special Committee as therein
provided: and pending the discussion of this motion the subject was
laid upon the table.

Police. The Mayor nominated Alvin
Lincoln as a Special Police Officer at Old Colony Rail Road Station -
George Goring a Special Police Officer for Lee Island Dock - Samuel
Dillaway a Special Police Officer - William Morgan Police Officer at
East Boston - Harrison Clark Constable of Watch - Laid upon the
table.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor &
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the 13th
day of July. Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Joshua C. Mayo 493

and others for the abatement of a nuisance on land of the City July 10, 1854.
in the town of Chelsea. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Mayo.

Petition of the Proprietors of St. Matthews

St. Matthews Church that interments may be forbidden in the cemetery of said church. Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries. Church Interments.

Petition of Seth Adams for Adams.

the enlargement of the boat hole of his Sugar Binney and of H. & A. Brown for leave to construct a boat hole under the sidewalk in Brown.
Hollis Street. Referred to the Committee on Laying out and paving.

Petition of Luther Felton & others Felton.

that G. Street may be properly graded. Referred to the Committee on Laying out.

Petition of Maurice O'Connell & O'Connell.

that Oliver Street may be lighted with gas by Thomas F. Hickey & Hickey.
others that a gas lamp be placed near 635 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Joshua Jenkins & Jenkins

others for a common sewer in Bolton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Samuel Ellis and Ellis

others for appointment to take charge of the new Engine proposed to be located at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

On petition of Levi L. Whitcomb Whitcomb.

to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade on Reidian

194. Read, the Committee on Paving &c. reported leave to withdraw.

July 11. 1854. Read and accepted.

Read. Internal
Sewers, First
A. Walnut
Streets.

The Superintendent of Common
Sewers, presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the
construction of common sewers in East Street - Walnut Street
Pleasant Street - First and A. Streets - and in Walnut Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Hummins.

Ordered: That there be paid to
John Hummins the sum of twenty five dollars for damages occa-
sioned by raising the established grade of A. and Grand Streets upon
his giving his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solici-
tor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said estab-
lishing of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropria-
tion for Paving &c.

South
Cong. Society.

On the petition of the South Con-
gregational Society for leave to close up East Cradle Street on
Sundays, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Hastings

On the petition of Walter Hastings
and others for the removal of the Steam Engine in Brighton Street
the Committee on Internal Health reported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Rhodes

On the petition of John B. Rhodes
for appointment as an auctioneer the Committee on Licenses
reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That there be paid: 495

to Lucinda Edgerly the sum of Twenty five dollars for damages July 10, 1854.
occasioned by the change of grade of Church Ward. upon her paving Edgerly.
her title to the estate N^o 22 Shawmut Street to the satisfaction of
the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance
and discharge for all damages, cost and expenses in consequence
of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the
appropriation for Paving &c.

On motion of Alderman Allen Marine
the orders relating to the establishment of a Marine School for School.
Boys, which were laid upon the table July 7, were taken therefrom
and were passed in concurrence, as recorded on page 486.

The Superintendent of the House of Industry &c. presented to the Board his report upon the character of the inmates of those Institutions for the quarter ending June 30, 1854. Read and placed on file. Industry.

The subject of the election of a City
City Solicitor was taken from the table, and the ballots having
been taken and counted it appeared that George A. Willard was
elected in concurrence. Solicitor.

The Special Committee to which Berry
was referred the petition of L. C. Berry and others for the removal of Rice.
of James P. Rice from the office of Chief of Police, report that the peti-
tioners have had a hearing and the enclosed evidence was given in
favor of them: they recommend that the papers be referred to the
Chief of Police with discretionary power in the premises. George A.
Williams, Irish Gunham, &c. Committee. Read and accepted.

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City.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Bill in connection with the Committee on County Accounts be and they are hereby instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of having the County Jail warmed and opened by Steam.

Custom House
Street.

Ordered: That the Board accept and adopt the prospective grade of Custom House Street, between Broad and India Streets, proposed by the City Engineer; and that no building shall be hereafter erected on Custom House Street, that will not allow the said Street to be paved according to the said grade, without further expense to the said City than the cost of raising the sidewalks in front of such building; said grade being shown on a profile of the said Street by the said Engineer, dated July 10th 1854, and deposited in the office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Water Power
Company.
Arch. Sup.

Ordered: That the Boston Water Power Company cause a flowage of water in the empty basin, at such depth, and at such times as the Committee on Internal Health may direct, with a view of preserving the health of the City.

Janevil Hall
School
Festival.

On motion of Alderman Washburn the use of Janevil Hall was granted to the School Committee of Boston, for the 25th of July instant, wherein to hold a School Festival.

Washing

Ordered: That there be paid to John Washing the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages occasioned to his estate on the corner of D. and Fifth Streets in consequence of the change of grade of said Streets, upon his proving his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Recorder and upon his

giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all money 1897.
as, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; July 16, 1854.
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for paving.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade National Street. National Street.

The order authorizing the construction of additional cells to the Station Houses No. 2, and 3, was taken from the table and was passed in concurrence, as recorded on page 407. Station houses cells for

The quarterly report of the Port Physician for the quarter ending June 30, last was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file. Port Physician.

The ballots having been taken & counted for a Port Physician it appeared that John A. Merriam was elected in concurrence. Port Physician chosen.

The Joint Special Committee on the City Charter, who were directed by an order of the City Council dated May 22, to take charge of the printing and distribution of copies of the Acts in relation to the Charter of the City of Boston and also to report to the City Council a form of Proposition, whereby the same may be properly submitted to the people for their ratification have attended to that subject, and ask leave to report: That two Acts relating to the Charter of the City of Boston were passed by the Legislature on the same day. The first and principal Act contains sixty five sections, and is numbered 448 of the Statutes of 1854; and it provides, among other things, for the election of twelve Alder- City Charter.

498. men, upon one general ticket. The other Act, being chap. 449 of the
July 10. 1854. Statute of 1854 contains only two sections - the first of which pro-
vides for the election of one Alderman by the voters of each Ward;
and the second section provides that said Act (chap. 449) shall
not go into effect unless both Acts (chapters 448 and 449) shall be
accepted by the people. Therefore it is essential that each voter
should declare his opinion on both Acts, and not on one alone.
To meet this state of facts, your committee have determined
that the two propositions shall be submitted to the people on one
ballot, in the following form: 1. Are you in favor of accepting
an Act entitled "An Act to revise the Charter of the City of Boston",
passed April 29, 1854, (being chap. 448), and, Yes or No. 2. Are you
in favor of accepting an Act entitled "An Act in addition to
an Act to revise the Charter of the City of Boston", passed April
29, 1854, (being chap. 449). In. Yes or No. From this it will be per-
ceived that those persons, who are in favor of electing the
twelve Aldermen on a General Ticket, will vote for the first
proposition, and against the second one; and those persons
who are in favor of the election of one Alderman in each Ward,
will vote in favor of both propositions; because from the tenor of
the last Act, unless the first proposition be adopted, the latter can-
not possess any vitality, notwithstanding it receive an unani-
mous vote in the affirmative. Your Committee recommend that
the remarks, which are appended to the draft of the Revised
Charter, (being City Doc. No. 27) so far as they are applicable to
the Act herein mentioned, be also printed with said Act, for dis-
tribution, to the end that the citizens may have the benefit of
all the information possible, in relation to so important a subject.
Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompa-

nying order. Andrew Drake, William Penney, Edwin P. Hinds. Order: 199.
ed: That twenty thousand copies of the revised charter of the City of Boston, and of the Act in addition thereto, also of the foregoing Report, and such remarks explanatory of the Charter, as the Committee may deem necessary, be printed and distributed among the citizens of Boston, the expense thereof to be charged to incidental expenses, and miscellaneous claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Riving to Chelsea
which was read an order of this board passed March 22, 1854 boundary
to fix and determine the dividing line between Chelsea and Boston lines.
Have attended to the duty and report the accompanying preamble
and resolve. For the Committee, George A. Williams. Whereas a portion
of the boundary line between the City of Boston and Town of Chelsea
is not marked by monuments, and is for that reason undefined
and uncertain, therefore to define and mark the same; Resolved:
the Town of Chelsea consenting and agreeing thereto; that said
portion of the boundary line should run as follows: beginning
at a point 1405 feet from the southerly side of Marginal Street in
Chelsea, measuring southerly in the line of the easterly side of
the solid wall of the Minorsimond Company; said point being
in the Harbor Commissioners line, on the Chelsea side of Chelsea
brook as said line is established by the Act of the Legislature of
Massachusetts of the 2^d of May 1844 and as the same line is
described in the published City Ordinances, revised by P. W. Chan-
dler, Esq. pages 108 & 109; and from said point running easterly
on said Commissioners line to the easterly side of Chelsea free
bridge, so called; thence, still easterly, and at right angles to said

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July 10. 1854 bridge to the easterly side of said bridge. Resolved: that when said
commissioners or harbor line shall be by law continued and es-
tablished, up said Chelsea Creek, on the Chelsea side thereof, as far
as Bass Creek, so called, then and from thenceforth, the boundary
line between the City of Boston and the Town of Chelsea, shall be co-
incident with said Commissioners or Harbor line, so continued
and established to said Bass Creek. Assented to by the Town of
Chelsea July 10. 1854.

Dorchester

The Committee on Paving to which
boundary was referred an order of this Board passed March 22, 1854, to fix
lines. and determine the boundary line between Boston and Dorchester,
have attended to their duty and report the accompanying preamble
and order. In the Committee, George A. Williams, Chairman.
Whereas the Southwesterly extremity of the boundary line between the
City of Boston and the Town of Dorchester is not marked by monu-
ments, and is for that cause undefined and uncertain, therefore to
define and mark the same, Resolved: the Town of Dorchester consent-
ing and agreeing thereto, that the Southwesterly extremity of said
boundary line runs as follows: beginning at a monument, now be-
low the surface of the ground, in Dorchester Avenue, and which
monument, in the perambulation made by the Mayor and Alder-
men of Boston, and the Selectmen of Dorchester on the 25th of Novem-
ber, 1846 and recited in the published City Ordinances revised
by H. Chandler, Esq. pages 44. & 45. is described as a "stone post stand-
ing on the Dorchester turnpike, marked B. on the Northeast side, and
D. on the Southward side"; and from said monument running
Westerly at right angles to the said Dorchester Avenue, to a point
forty one feet three inches from the centre line of the road of the
"Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company", measuring at

right angles to said centre line; thence Southwesterly parallel to, 501.
and forty one feet three inches distant from the centre line of July 12. 1854.
said rail road to the boundary line between said Dorchester and
the Town of Roxbury. Read and passed. Assented to by the Town of
Dorchester July 19. 1854.

Agreeably to assignment the Atkinson
Board resumed the consideration of the expediency of widening At- Atkinson
kinson Street, and after a short discussion the subject was indefinitely
postponed.

The bond of Joseph Colburn Supt. Health
as Superintendent of Health was approved by the Board. Bond.

On motion of Alderman Dun- Steam Fire
ham the subject of the Steam Fire Engine was taken from the Engine.
table and the question being upon the motion to substitute the
'standing Committee on the Fire Department,' for the Joint Special
Committee on the Fire Department, said motion prevailed by
the following vote - Yeas - The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingley,
Drake, Washburn, Odiorne, Williams & Durham. 8. Nays Alderman
Mumroe. 1. Sent down for concurrence.

Alderman Odiorne offered the fol- Public
lowing order. Ordered: That be a Committee with such as Funds.
the Common Council may join to consider and report upon the
expediency of repealing the Ordinance passed April 14th 1853, enti-
tled - An Ordinance providing for the care and management of
the Public Lands. Read and laid on the table.

July 10 1851 to whom was referred the communication of the Hancock Free Bridge Corporation relating to the purchase by the City of a parcel of land adjoining the rail Wharf near Cambridge Street have attended to that matter and Report: That said land, if owned by the City would materially enhance the value of said wharf, which lies adjacent thereto, and is now owned by the City. The Committee are of opinion that said land ought to be owned by the City and therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. J. T. Smith Chairman. Ordered: That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands be and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the City, a parcel of land, containing about nine hundred and twenty seven square feet lying between the rail Wharf, so called, on North Charles Street and the Hancock Free Bridge near Cambridge Street, at a cost not exceeding Two thousand dollars. Provided the owners of said land shall properly fill up and make the same solid; also, fill up and make solid that portion of flats lying between said land and the Commissioners Line & now belonging to the City. ^{B.} Read, accepted and the order passed. The Yeas and Nays being required on the passage of said order they were taken as follows—Yeas: The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Lingley, Dunham, Washburn, Duke, Osborne and Williams. 9. Nays—none. Sent down for concurrence. / See page 517/

Williams

The Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of Seth Williams for the delivery of water without the limits of the City, have considered the subject and report, that they recommend that the petition be referred to the Incorporated Water Board with full power. For the Committee

See, J. V. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. July 13. Came up concurred.

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The Committee on Water Filchburg Rail Road to whom was referred the petition of the Filchburg Rail Road Company for leave to tap the Cochituate Water Pipe at Charlestown, have considered the subject and report; that they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the arrangement of terms and conditions be referred to the Cochituate Water Board with full power, provided that in addition to the usual tariff rates they also pay a fair proportion of the amount required to be raised to meet the deficiency in the income of the Water Rates. For the Committee, J. V. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. July 13, came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Seventeenth day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe and Washburn.

There being no quorum the Board adjourned. No quorum

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City
Hall on Tuesday the eighteenth day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Evans.

Petition of Brice L. Evans and

Grant.

Madlee.

others respecting the grade of Hanson Street of Michael Grant and
others for the acceptance of Bondry and Swan Streets; of A. M. Madlee
and others that West Street may be paved. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Paving.

Amory.

Communication of Jonathan Am-

Smoke consuming
Tunnaces.

ory concerning Smoke-consuming Tunnaces: referred to the Com-
mittee on Steam Engines &c.

Herman

Petition of M. Herman for leave to

give exhibitions of Magic in Boston. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses.

Briggs

Petition of David Briggs and others

for a common sewer in Marlowe Street. Referred to the Committee
on Sewers and Drains.

Trull.

Petition of Elias Trull, Special Po-

lice Officer at Copp's Hill Cemetery for increase of compensation. Refer-
red to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Ware.

Communication of Isaac Tower &

Richards.

Ware.

others concerning the condition of the Alley from North Street to
North Market Street - of Francis Richards to be paid for privilege
of allowing a drain to be constructed through his land for benefit
of abutments on Ohio Place - of Eph^m Ware for abatement of a nuis-
ance in Washington, Mystic and Dedham Streets. Referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of George Cutler for 505

leave to purchase the Engine House on Harrison Avenue. Referred July 12, 1854, to the Committee on Public Buildings. Laid down for concurrence. Cutler.
Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Communication of Engineers Fiske's Wharf.
of the Fire Department concerning a wooden building of an illegal size on Fiske's Wharf. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Frederick O. Prince Prince
for the straightening of the line of Devonshire Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Devonshire St.

Petition of Henry Emerson to Emerson.
be appointed a Hayweigher. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The Superintendent of Sewers Cross Street.
presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the construction of common sewers in Cross Street, East Boston, and in Anneloga Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. Anneloga Street.

Petition of the Legislative Commission on the crossings of the Northern Railroad, for the use of the Common Council Chamber on and after August 1st wherein to hold the hearings upon that subject, was read and granted by the Board. Rail Road crossings.

Petition of George Morey and Morey.
others for the use of Faneuil Hall on August 16th next wherein to hold a Political Convention, was read and granted by the Board. Faneuil Hall.

On motion of Alderman Odiorne
 it was Ordered: That the papers relative to the Boston Lunatic
 Hospital be taken from the files of the last year and referred
 to a Special Committee, of three, of this Board to consider and
 report upon the same: and Alderman Odiorne, Latham and
 Munroe were appointed said Committee.

City Physician.

The quarterly report of the City
 Physician was read and sent down.

Tremont

Ordered: That the Committee
 on Streets consider and report if any measures should be taken
 to fence in Tremont Road and adjoining streets, or otherwise
 protect travelers and the public from danger by reason of the un-
 safe condition of said road or streets.

O'Connell

The Committee on Lamps, to
 which was referred the petition of Maurice O'Connell that Oliver
 Street be lighted with gas, reported, that as the street gas pipes are not
 laid in said street, it cannot be lighted with gas, but directions have
 been given to the Superintendent of Lamps to increase the number
 of oil lamps in said street, if, in his judgement, an increase is
 needed. Read and accepted.

Hickey

On petition of Thomas H. Hickey,
 and others that a Gas lamp be placed and lighted near N. 635
 Washington Street, the Committee on Lamps reported, that directions
 have been given to comply with the prayer of the petitioners. Read
 and accepted.

Intelligence
 offices.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on
 Licenses, Edward Nolan, David Kiter, Robert Wagner, F. R. Woodward,
 & Sherlock Spomer were licensed to keep Intelligence Offices.

On the petition of Joshua C. Mayo

507.

Mayo and others for abatement of a nuisance in Marginal St. Chelsea, on land belonging to the City, the Committee on Internal Health reported the following Order. Whereas, it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists upon land of the City on the line of the Hochitz Water Works in Chelsea, caused by a stable which has been unlawfully placed there by Lyman Mitchell, therefore Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause said stable to be removed forthwith and said nuisance abated at the expense of the said Mitchell. Accepted and the order passed.

The Committee on Daring to which was referred the petitions of the Suffolk and Shawmut Gas Companies, for leave to lay down pipes in our streets, and the remonstrance of the Boston Gas Light company against the same, have considered the subject, and Report: The Boston Gas Light Company have had the exclusive privilege of furnishing gas to the citizens of Boston for several years, and their works are now in such a state of perfection that they need fear but little from the competition of other and new companies. The advantages of their long and varied experience; the favorable location of their works; the enhanced value of their real estate, owing to the many public and private improvements initiated and completed by our enterprising citizens, give them an almost overpowering superiority in any contest for business with a new company. No valid objection can be interposed by them, on the score of "vested rights," as the City has settled that principle, after a protracted & earnest contest with the Boston Aqueduct corporation. In view then of the rapid growth of our City, and the contemplated and certain annexation of surrounding cities and towns at no distant

Suffolk &

Shawmut

Gas Companies

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date, we think the time has come for another Gas Company to be established in our midst. Other cities have a plurality of Gas Companies and we are satisfied that business enough for two of them will be found in our City, and they can work together in generous and harmonious rivalry. The only important objection that need be mentioned, is an apprehension lest our streets and underground City works, during the progress of laying and repairing the pipes of the new Company, might be seriously disturbed. This is an important consideration, but should not be one, in our judgement, to override the good that will result to the citizens by the establishment of another company. It is also sufficient reply to this objection, that the work of taking up the pavement, &c. will be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets, acting under the orders of the Committee on Paving, and that all the expense thereof, and the damage consequent thereon, will be borne by the Company. The Committee believe that the public good would be promoted by the establishment in this City of another Gas Company, and they have the presumption to suppose that they and their successors can arrange this matter so as to place no material obstruction to the travel and trade of the City, and no injury to its streets or underground works. In view of the foregoing considerations, they recommend the passage of the following Order. In the Committee, George T. Williams, Chairman. Ordered: That whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Mayor, for the time being, that the Suffolk and Shawmut Gas Companies are consolidated, and fifty per cent. of the Capital Stock actually paid in cash, permission shall be granted to said consolidated Company, to open the streets for the purpose of laying their pipes, the work to be done under the direction of the Committee on Paving and Superintendent of Streets. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Ordered: That due notice 509.

be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M. July 18, 1854.
take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common
sewer in Bollen Street from E. to H. Streets, and of assessing the expense
thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into
such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall
derive any benefit thereby: Any person making objection thereto,
will then and there be heard. Jenkins
Bollen Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order National
of this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of May 1854, public
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been
constructed in National Street, the cost of which was Five hun-
dred and ninety six dollars and twelve cents, one quarter
part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there
remains Four hundred and forty seven dollars ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged
to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is there-
fore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto
annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are
charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their re-
spective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees
Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Walnut
of this Board, passed on the second day of March 1854, public
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has
constructed in Walnut Street, the cost of which was Four hundred
and thirty Dollars and ten cents, one quarter part whereof being
deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred
Street.

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and twenty two dollars $\frac{50}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessors.

Pleasant

Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the tenth day of April, 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Pleasant Street, the cost of which was One Hundred and Seventy six dollars and fifty six cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains One Hundred and thirty two dollars $\frac{40}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the inclosed Schedule annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessors.

First & A.

Streets.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of Aug. 1853, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in First and A. Streets, the cost of which was One thousand and seventy dollars and twenty nine cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Eight hundred and two dollars $\frac{70}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by

the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons 511.
named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as July 18, 1854.
aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the
sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part
of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-
tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants
or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Gold Street.
of this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of July 1854. public notice
hereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been construct-
ed in Gold Street, the cost of which was seven hundred and sixty
eight dollars and sixty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted,
to be paid by the said City, there remains six hundred and seventy
six dollars ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-
ing to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas Solomon Piper has given Sea Street.
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Sea Street, Piper.
in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be
widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby
Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Solomon Piper that this
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part
of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out

512 the same as a public street and that Monday, the twenty fourth day
July 18. 1854. of July instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing
any objections which may be made thereto.

Edman
Washington
Street.

Whereas in the opinion of
the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require
that Washington Street should be widened between Common and
Warren Streets, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given
to Thomas J. Goddard, Trustee of the late John Edman that this
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a
part of the land of the late John Edman as aforesaid, and laying
out the same as a public street and that Monday, the twenty fourth
day of July instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for
hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Watson.
Paris Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on Paris Street, on premises of J. A. Watson,
consisting of filthy and stagnant water, and whereas the said Wat-
son though duly notified, has neglected to abate said nuisance, there-
fore Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby
directed to abate the same by filling up said lot with good coarse
gravel or earth at the expense of the said Watson.

West Castle
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance caused by filthy and stagnant water exists on
premises of Anna A. Elder and Margaret M. Nelson, in West Castle
Street, and whereas said parties though duly notified have neglected
to abate the same, therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health
be and he is hereby directed to fill up the lots of land on which said
nuisance exists, with good coarse gravel or earth, at the expense of the said parties.

Whereas it appears to this Board 513.

That a nuisance caused by filthy and stagnant water exists on premises of Thomas W. Seaverns, John Rockie, Winifred Lewis, Ralph Huntington, William Quill, and Hudson Gatch, on Remond Street between Kastli and Town Streets, and whereas the said parties, though duly notified, have neglected to abate the same, therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to abate said nuisance by filling up said lots with good coarse gravel or earth at the expense of the said several parties.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction to whom was referred an order concerning the Charity School in Channing Street having considered the subject, report, that said order ought not to pass. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Charity School.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on land belonging to Benjamin Adams, Charles L. Hinecock, and William Wright, at the corner of K and Third Streets and whereas, the said parties, though duly notified, have neglected to abate the same, therefore, Ordered: that the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed to fill up the said land with good coarse gravel or earth at the expense of the said several parties. Third Street.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction to whom was referred an order concerning Schools for Adults, having considered that subject report that said order ought to pass. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith, Chairman. Read, accepted and the order passed. (as recorded on page 403.) Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 20. Came up concurred. Adult Schools.

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Middlesex
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance caused by filthy and stagnant water exists on premises of No. 4. Gardner, north of Dover Street between Middlesex and Fremont Streets, and whereas said Gardner, though duly notified, has neglected to abate said nuisance, therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby directed to fill up the lot of land belonging to said Gardner with good coarse gravel or earth, so that the same may be properly drained at the expense of the said Gardner.

Police

The Police Officers nominated July 7th, as recorded in page 492, were confirmed by the Board with the exception of Harrison Marsh.

Kirby

Broad Street.
Sunderland.

Whereas C. K. Kirby has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Broad Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore now by Ordered, That due notice be given to the said C. K. Kirby that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the Twenty fourth day of July instant, at four o'clock P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Watson

Billerica Street

The Committee on Lamps to which was referred the petition of Thomas Watson that Billerica Street may be lighted with gas, report, that said street cannot now be lighted with gas, as the gas pipes are not now laid down through said street. Read and accepted.

Alderman Dunham moved 515

that the order of this Board dated February 27, 1854 respecting the time and mode of calling Special meetings of the Board be rescinded and the Yeas and Nays being required on said motion, they were taken as follows—Yeas. Aldermen Dunham, Drake, and Odiorne—3. Nays. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dingley, Washburn and Williams—6. To said motion did not prevail. July 10, 1854. Special meetings.

On motion of Alderman Drake the subject of the election of a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was taken from the table, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number of votes was 9. Necessary for a choice 5. Emma Smith 4. had 4. James Quinn 4 and Charles S. Clark 1. No choice. Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

Alderman Odiorne moved the indefinite postponement of the subject and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon, they were taken as follows, Yeas Aldermen Munroe, Odiorne and Williams—3. Nays—The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingley, Dunham, Washburn, and Drake—6. To said motion did not prevail. Vote on postponement.

Alderman Odiorne then moved that the first Monday in October next be assigned as the time for choice of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon they were taken as follows—Yeas—Aldermen Munroe, Odiorne, Williams—3. Nays, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dingley, Dunham, Washburn, and Drake—6. To said motion did not prevail.

The ballots having again been taken Choice of

516 and counted for a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department it appeared
July 12, 1854 that James Quinn (having 5 votes) was elected, this Board thereby
concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Elisha
Smith, Jr. Sent down for concurrence.

Police.

The Mayor nominated to the
Board the following officers Samuel E. Bacon, John B. Morse for
Police Station No. 2. William Miles and Chauncey Inallies for the Com-
mon. Laid on the table.

Police.

Moses P. Moulton and Enos Was-
gate nominated to take charge of the Cholera Hospital, were referred
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Ridgway;
Spendthrift.

It appearing to the Board
from the testimony of John W. Ridgway, Jacob Atkinson and others,
that Henry W. Ridgway of this City is a Spendthrift and does by ex-
cessive drinking and idleness, so mispend and lessen his estate as
will thereby not only bring himself to want but render the City
liable to a charge for his maintenance and support, it was order-
ed that a complaint be made to the Judge of Probate for the County
of Suffolk setting forth said facts in order that a Guardian may
be appointed pursuant to the Statute.

President
pro tempore

Notice was received from
the Common Council that at a special meeting of that branch
of the City Council July 13, 1854, the President being absent, Pel-
ham Wrenn, Esquire, was elected President pro tempore.

Readville.
City Farm

A communication from the Board
of Public Land Commissioners, stating, that a proposition had been
made to them for the purchase of the City Farm in Readville, and
asking the City Council if that tract of land was under their care

and subject to their disposal: was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

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July 18, 1854.

The Common Council having concurred with this Board in the passage of the order of July 10, 1854, respecting land at the corner of North Charles and Cambridge Streets, with these amendments, *at A strike out "Hancock Free" and insert "West Boston" and at B add "and that the cost thereof be charged to the appropriation for the "Reserved Fund".* said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. (See page 502.)

The Common Council having non-concurred with this Board in the amendments proposed July 7th to the order respecting the pay of the Police Officers on motion of Alderman Odiorne, this Board insisted on its vote touching said amendments. Sent down for concurrence.

The Common Council having passed the order of this Board dated July 7th respecting obstructions in the Harbor (as recorded on page 482.) with the following amendment *at A. insert "and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims"* - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health, under the direction of the Committee on Internal Health be authorized and empowered to sell at Public Auction such horses, wagons and harnesses as may be deemed unsuitable for the City's use. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Horses
Wagons
to be sold.

July 12, 1854
Hunt.

On petition of Ephraim G. Hunt and others for abatement of a nuisance on Washington, Myrtle and Gatham Streets, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Sanderson.
Hill.
Market.

The Committee on the Market to whom was referred the petition of J. G. Sanderson and others for a change in the rules of Keweenaw Hall Market respecting the hour of closing the same, and the remonstrance of James Hill and others against the same, reported the following order. Ordered: That from the 20th of March to the 20th of September, the Superintendent of Keweenaw Hall Market be and he is hereby directed to close the stalls in the principal story of the Market Building, at Six o'clock in the afternoon of each day, excepting always, the Fourth day of July and Saturday of each week. Which was read and adopted.

Jayette
Street.

Alderman Williams, from the Committee on Paving offered the following order. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to construct two cess pools in Jayette Street and repair said street. Also to change the grade of said street so as to take the hollow out of the street near the estate of John T. Dingley, Esq. Read and laid on the table, and Wednesday the 25th of July was assigned as the day to visit the premises at four o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned to Friday next at Ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 519.
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Friday the twenty first day of July, Anno Domini. 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Allen.

Petition of Samuel A. May for
the grade of Shawmut Avenue near Arnold Street. Referred to
the Committee on Paving

May

Communication of A. B. Butter-
field, respecting a nuisance in rear of 110 1/2 Washington Street.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Butterfield

Ordered: That the Committee
on laying out and widening Streets cause a plan to be drawn
of Hawley Street from Milk to Summer Streets with a proposed
widening and report on the same.

Hawley
street.

Ordered: That the Committee
on Public Buildings, on the part of this Board, be and they
are hereby instructed to examine and see if any improvement
can be made in the method of ventilating that part of the Court
House, occupied as a Police Court.

Police
Court.

Upon the petition of the East-
ern Rail Road Company praying this Board to estimate the
damages occasioned to Ebenezer Francis of Boston, by reason
of their taking his land on Canal Street for the purpose of mak-
ing, maintaining and constructing their Railroad over said
land, it appearing that said parties were duly notified of the
pendency of said petition in 1853. it is Ordered: That the damages

Francis.
Eastern
Rail Road.

occurred to said Francis by the location of the Eastern Rail
 July 21, 1854. Road over his land as aforesaid May 20, 1853, be estimated at
 the sum of ten dollars.

Causeway

street.

Fleet's heirs.

Ordered: That there be paid to
 the Heirs of John Fleet the sum of Six hundred and fifty dol-
 lars for land taken to widen the corner of Everett and Causeway
 Street, and for all other damage occasioned thereby, upon their
 giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance &
 discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of
 said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation
 for unliquidated claims.

Atkinson

street.

Fleet's heirs.

Ordered: That there be paid to
 the Heirs of John Fleet the sum of Nine hundred and seventy
 five dollars for land taken to widen Atkinson Street, including
 all other damages occasioned thereby, upon their giving to the
 City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge
 for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking;
 and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unli-
 quidated claims.

Putnam

On petition of Harriman Putnam
 and others that a Lamp be placed and lighted in Cleveland
 Place, the Committee on Lamps reported that said Place has
 been lighted in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners. Read
 and accepted.

Cartwright

On petition of George B. Cartwright
 and others for a Gas Lamp in Lawrence Place, the Committee on
 Lamps reported, that a lamp has been placed in said Place
 as prayed for. Read and accepted.

On petition of George W. Parmen. 521.

ler and others that a gas lamp be placed in corner of Richmond Street and Ware Place, the Committee on Lamps reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners as no cast pipes have been laid in that locality. Read and accepted.

July 21, 1854.
Parmenier.

Petition of Samuel I. Ford, Jr.
for the grade of K. street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ford.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board passed on the Twenty seventh day of March 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a common Sewer has been constructed in Cross Street, the cost of which was One hundred and eighty eight dollars and thirty two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said city, there remains One hundred and forty one dollars $\frac{2}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereto are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Cross Street
sewer.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Twenty seventh day of March 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a common Sewer has been constructed in Saratoga Street, the cost of which was Eleven hundred and eighty two dollars and seventy cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City.

Saratoga
Street.

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1854. there remains Eight hundred and eighty seven dollars ⁰³/₁₀₀ to be
charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It
is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule
hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they
hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Leonard.

On petition of M. B. Leonard
and others, for a Common Sewer in Blbow Street, the Committee
on Sewers and Drains reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be
granted provided they will agree to pay the entire cost of the
same. Read and accepted.

Littlefield

Ordered: That a Common Sewer
London Street. be laid in London Street, East Boston, and that due notice be given
that this Board will, on Monday July 31. at four o'clock, P.M.,
take into consideration the expediency of assessing the expense thereof
on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into
such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall
derive any benefit thereby: any person making objections thereto,
will then and there be heard.

Sanford.

Whereas Samuel Sanford has given
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on
Thompson Street in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the
said street should be widened at the place described in the
said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given
to the said Samuel Sanford that this Board intend to widen the

street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about 523.
to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a July 21. 1834.
public street, and that Monday, the Twenty fourth day of July
instant at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing
any objections which may be made thereto.

Alderman Williams offered the East Boston
following Order Ordered: That the Committee on Public Building Grammar
be instructed to sell the lot of land recently purchased in East School House.
Boston for the purpose of erecting a Grammar School House thereon,
provided it can be done without loss to the City the proceeds of such
sale to be applied to the purchase of another lot of land for the
same purpose. Read and laid on the table. (See page 565.)

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Monday the Twenty fourth day of July, Anno Domini. 1834.
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

July 24, 1854. *Petition of Nathaniel M^r Kay*
and others that sidewalks may be laid on Hoxington St.
East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Shaw

Petition of B. D. Shaw and others
for the extension of the Paris Street sewer. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

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Petition of Kilby Page and others
that North Street be widened near Langdon Place. Referred to
the Committee on Streets.

Alexander

Petition of William B. Alexander
and others that a Police Officer be stationed at East Boston to pre-
vent gunning on the marshes there. Referred to the Mayor.

Cobb

Petition of Samuel T. Cobb and
others that a new location be assigned for the School House at
East Boston: referred to the Joint Standing Committee who
have had charge of said subject. Sent down for concurrence.
Sept. 20. Same up concurred.

Traneuil

Hall
School

Ordered: That the Chief of Police
close up the streets round Traneuil Hall against the passage of
carriages on Tuesday July 25 between the hours of 4 and 5 1/2 o'clock
P.M. on account of the exercises of the School Festival in said build-
ing.

Tremont
Road

The Committee on laying out and
widening streets to whom was referred the order of July 18. respect-
ing the erection of fences on the Tremont Road and adjacent
streets reported a reference of the same to the Committee on the same subject.

Ordered: That due notice be 525.

given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M. July 24, 1854, take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer East Orange or in East Orange Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Ordered: That the present members of the Board of Aldermen and the present members of the Common Council be and they are hereby appointed Special Police Officers of the City, to hold their offices without compensation until the first Monday in January next. Special Police.

Ordered: That the thanks of this Board be presented through the Mayor to the Municipal Government of Pittsburgh, Pa. for the valuable and beautiful map of that City which was presented by it to the City of Boston. Pittsburgh.

Leave was granted to A. Herman to give exhibitions of Magic in this City on the usual conditions. Herman

Henry Emerson was appointed a Weigher of bundle Hay &c. for the City. Hayweigher

Samuel C. Bacon and John B. Morse and William Miles were appointed on the Police. Police.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Atkinson Street by taking land of Samuel Sanford, said subject was referred to the Committee on Streets with full power. Atkinson Street.

July 24, 1844. No person appearing to object
 to the proposed widening of the Street by taking land of Solomon
 Jew. After, said subject was referred to the Committee on Streets with
 full power.

Washington
 Street. No person appearing to object
 to the proposed widening of Washington Street by taking land of
 John Aldman's heirs, said subject was recommended to the Com-
 mittee on Streets with full power.

Broad
 Street. No person appearing to object
 to the proposed widening of Broad Street at the point where E. H.
 Kirby is now building, said subject was recommended to the Com-
 mittee on Streets with full power.

Boston Street
 Sewer. No person appearing to object
 to the proposed construction of the Common Sewer in Boston Street,
 said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers &
 Drains with full power.

Brewer. Petition of Harvey Brewer that
 his bill amounting to \$21.19 cents for extra lamplighting at East
 Boston may be paid, was read, and after an explanation of
 the facts by the Chairman of the Committee on Lamps, the prayer
 of the petitioner was granted.

Boole-
 Platt. Ordered: That the collection of
 the assessments levied upon the estates of Galen Boole and Henry
 Platt for constructing a Common Sewer in South Street be and
 the same is hereby postponed until entries shall have been
 made into the Common Sewer from their respective estates.

Francis. Notice was received from Ebenezer
 Francis claiming an appeal from the decision of this Board

in the matter of damages to his estate by the location of the Eastern Rail Road thereon.

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July 24, 1854.

The Committee on Paving, to which was referred the order of this Board to fence in the Tremont road and adjoining streets, reported, that no further action thereon is necessary. Read and thereupon, ordered, that said report be recommitted to the Committee on Paving, with instructions to ascertain the duties of the Board respecting said streets.

Tremont
Road.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave Union Street from Hanover Street to Skymarket Square, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Union
Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Pearl Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Elisha J. Goring bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by Purchase Street, four feet and $\frac{7}{10}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by Pearl Street, one hundred and fifty five feet and $\frac{7}{10}$ of a foot; Southeastwardly by Broad Street, four feet; and Southwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of Pearl Street, one hundred and fifty five feet and $\frac{7}{10}$ of a foot; containing six hundred and ninety square feet, and $\frac{7}{10}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the in-

Pearl
Street -
Goring.

422. Action of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the
pur- 1834, purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It
is therefore Ordered, that the parcel of land, before described be,
and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street
or way of the said city - according to a plan of the said widen-
ing made by G. S. Chebrough, dated March 13th 1834, and deposited
in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board
doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Paul Street,
as aforesaid, will amount to thirty five hundred dollars: which
sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations
or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal
year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars

Adams
Crafts.

Ordered: That the Mayor be di-
rected to petition the Supreme Court that an injunction be issued
to restrain Seth Adams from burning bones and other animal
matter upon Follen's Wharf, so called, in this city, and also to
restrain Ben W. Crafts from pursuing his business of trying Tallow
and other animal substances, near Second, between B. and C.
streets, South Boston; said trades as pursued by said parties being
adjudged offensive to the inhabitants and prejudicial to the public
health and comfort and said parties having refused to discon-
tinue said trades though directed so to do by this Board.

Clark
Fire Depart^t

Ordered: That the usual sala-
ry of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, be allowed to
Charles I. Clark acting Chief Engineer of the Fire Department
since the 25th of April, and as long as he continues to act in
that capacity, deducting any thing that he may have received

as Assistant Engineer, during that time. Sent down for concurrence. 529.

Sept. 20. Came up concurred.

July 24, 1854.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, for assistance in the construction of their Avenue, having considered the subject, submit the following Report: The petitioners ask the City for aid in the construction, from the City proper to South Boston, of a new street, which is to be laid out and dedicated to the public, free of tolls, &c. Said Avenue will be about one mile in length, and from sixty to seventy feet in width, and is to be constructed from some convenient point in Sea Street to South Boston. The petitioners do not ask for any land damages, or for the expense of constructing the Avenue: but inasmuch as a very great expense must be incurred in the whole work, and as it will be also necessary to make an expensive bridge over Fore Point Channel, and to purchase at a high price the land lying between Fore Point Channel and Sea Street, they ask for some aid from the City in this enterprise. Your Committee appreciate the full value to the City of the proposed new Avenue, and if, by the payment of the estimated cost of constructing it for a few hundred feet, the City can secure to its use an Avenue one mile in length, and at least sixty feet wide, it must be deemed a very desirable arrangement for the City. There has been for a long time an imperative demand for a new street to South Boston: but the legal difficulty of constructing a new street over tide water has been the principal obstacle which has hitherto prevented the laying out of such a street. This legal difficulty is obviated by the charter of the petitioners, which gives them express authority to construct a bridge over Fore Point Chan-

Mount
Washington
Avenue.

530 m. l. The Avenue is also advantageous to the City, as it will bring
July 24. 1834. the large and valuable property of the City in South Boston practically a mile nearer to the City proper. The importance of the Avenue to the City is well established, and it engaged the attention of the last City Council, who passed the resolve which is annexed hereto, together with a report in favor of extending the desired aid to the petitioners to the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars. - But this action occurred so late in the year, that the official connection of one party to the agreement terminated before any further arrangements could be made respecting the subject. Your Committee, in resuming the matter, think that it is for the evident interest of the City to expend this sum or even a much larger one, if this great and desirable work can be timely accomplished; but inasmuch as the last City Council recommended the payment of the sum of sixty thousand dollars only, your Committee do not deem it prudent to exceed that sum. In addition to the other advantages to be derived from this Avenue, your Committee have thought it proper to require from the petitioners the right of drainage into Tree Point Channel from the Avenue on the easterly side. The Committee also propose to secure, in the same manner and without any additional expense to the City, Granite Street, in South Boston, as a public highway - which street has been laid out, by the proprietors of the Boston Wharf, fifty feet wide, and runs from First Street to the proposed Avenue. It carries out their views your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders for the Committee, to wit: in Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to execute in behalf of the City a contract with the Boston Wharf Company, to be approved by the City Solicitor, whereby

it may be agreed that the Boston Wharf Company shall lay out 331.
or cause to be laid out, build or cause to be built to the satisfaction, July 24. 1854.
of the City Engineer, the street from Sea Street, between Foundry
and Waters Wharves, to Fore Point Channel, the bridge across said
Channel, and the Avenue east of Fore Point Channel to Granite
Street, which are provided for by the Charter of the Mount Washing-
ton Avenue Corporation, said street, bridge and avenue to be at
least sixty feet wide, and said work to be completed within one
year from the date of the contract, and for the same the City shall
agree to pay to the Boston Wharf Company the sum of Fifty
thousand dollars when said work shall be completed to the
satisfaction of the City Engineer, and when said Company shall
release to the City the said Granite Street, made and completed
fifty feet wide, the bridge and avenue running northwesterly
to Sea Street, together with all necessary drainage through said
street and avenue. Ordered, that His Honor the Mayor be au-
thorized to execute in behalf of the City of Boston a contract with
the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, to be approved by the
City Solicitor, whereby it shall be agreed that said Corporation
shall within three years construct the said Avenue from Granite
Street to I Street, in South Boston, and release and transfer all
their right, title and interest in the same to the City - and that the
City of Boston shall, under the authority of said Corporation, con-
struct or cause to be constructed, by such parties as they may
contract with, the street, bridge, and avenue from Sea Street to Gran-
ite Street, according to the accompanying order relative to the same,
the City to have the right of drainage into Fore Point Channel,
at each end of the said Bridge, and to have the control, custody
and charge of said Street, Bridge and Avenue, and the draws there-

532. & when completed, ^B laid on the table and ordered to be printed
July 24 1854. (See City Document N° 62.) See page 538, & 535.

Intra-mural

The Committee on Cemeteries to

interments whom was referred the petition of the Proprietors of St. Matthews Church
St. Matthews that interments may be prohibited in the cemetery of said Church
Church. Have considered that subject and respectfully report: that their
Copp's Hill. attention has been particularly called to the subject of intra-mural
interments in those few places within the city which were exempt-
ed from the order of the Board of 1853, and they are fully satis-
fied that intra-mural interments should be abridged within this
city as far as possible, and that no measure appertaining to the
public health is so important as this the Committee therefore rec-
ommend the passage of the accompanying orders for the Commit-
tee. &c. &c. Resolved: That the City Registrar be and he is hereby
directed to issue no permits for burials ^A under St. Matthews Church,
South Boston, on and after the first day of September next, without
the consent of the Mayor. Resolved: That the City Registrar be and
he is hereby directed to issue no permits for burials in Copp's Hill
cemetery, after this date until the first day of October next. Read
and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Friday next at seven o'clock. &c. &c.

At a meeting of the Board of 533.

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Wednesday the Twenty Sixth day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

Aldermen Washburn, Allen and Drake.

This being the day assign- Fayette
ed for the Board to visit Fayette Street pursuant to the vote of July Med.
18th a meeting of the Board was called for that purpose at four
o'clock, P.M.

There being no quorum, the Board adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Friday the Twenty eighth day of July, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Charles Thomas Thomas
that a nuisance occasioned by water in his cellar may be
abated. of H. S. Lundsteen and others for abatement of a nuis- Lundsteen
ance in Fifth Street caused by Dexter & Kings varnish works
of Joseph. Moore, for removal of a nuisance in Wall Street: Moore.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Joseph W. Colburn Colburn.
and others that a Common Sewer be laid in Shawmut Aven-
ue from Waltham Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers
and Drains with full power.

July 28, 1854.

Kirby

Petition of G. H. Kirby for leave to construct a coal slide in Bedford Street, and coal holes under the sidewalk in Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Devereaux

Hall

Petition of R. P. Devereaux & others, for a change of grade in Endicott Street - of Samuel Hall & others for a change of grade in Marginal Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hawkes

On petition of Thomas B. Hawkes that lamps be placed and lighted in Hamburg Street, the Committee on Lamps reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Jones

On petition of Lewis Jones and others that uniform Funeral Cars be furnished for extra-mural interments, the Committee on Cemeteries reported that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners. Read and accepted.

Intelligence
Office.

John Bishop was licensed to keep an Intelligence Office at 225 Tremont Street.

Interment
St. Matthews
Copp's Hill.

On motion of Alderman Dunham the report and orders relative to interments under St. Matthews Church, and in Copp's Hill Ground, (as recorded on page 532,) were taken from the table and amended as follows, at A insert in the ground in Ward 12, bounded on Dorchester, Sixth and 7th streets known by the name of the Roman Catholic Burying Ground, and " the question then recurring on the passage of said orders; it was Ordered, that the report be recommitted with instructions for the Committee to consider and report upon the ex-

pediency of closing all Burial Grounds and Tombs within the limits of the City and also what provisions they can make to bury the dead. Yeas Aldermen Munroe, Dingley, Durham, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne, and Williams - 7. Nays The Mayor & Alderman Allen. 2.

Whereas the Board are satisfied that two tenements on Second Street, South Boston, owned by the heirs of Ichabod Macomber, and called Macomber's Block are in a state of nuisance caused by the great number of tenants occupying said premises contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance relating to Public Health, passed August 20, 1850 and is therefore an unfit place for habitation and dangerous to the Public Health, therefore, under the powers vested in this Board as a Board of Health, it is hereby Ordered: That the occupants of said premises be notified to remove their tenements forthwith and that the Superintendent of Health and Chief of Police be entrusted with the execution of this order and that the said heirs of Ichabod Macomber be directed to cleanse said premises to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Health under the penalty prescribed by law: and not to permit them to be re-occupied without consent of this Board or the Superintendent of Health.

J. A. Benson was appointed a Keyweigher of Hay at Benson's Wharf.

The subject of the election of a Surveyor of Marble under the Ordinance of 1854, was discussed, and afterwards laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the thirty first day of July, Anno Domini, 1854
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Parmelee.

Petition of Anaph Parmelee

and others that E. H. Farr may be installed as a Police Officer

Referred to the Mayor.

Cole.

Petition of Morrill Cole & others,

Atkins.

of Ebenezer Atkins and others, that sidewalks may be laid on
Meridian Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Jenks.

Petition of Thomas H. Jenks and

Amory.

others that the sidewalks in Portland Street may be repaired;
of Thomas C. Amory and others that a culvert may be built at
the northerly end of Otis Place of John Brisco and wife to be
paid for the damage occasioned by the change of grade in South
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Brisco.

Blake.

Petition of Edward Blake for leave

to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Chestnut Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Heath.

Petition of Heath and Graves &

Brattle Street.

others that a common sewer may be laid at head of Brattle
Street and a complaint from the Chief of Police respecting a nuisance
in said locality for want of said sewer. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains

A complaint from the Chief of 537

Police stating that no House offal has been collected at the house, July 31. 1854.
Therment, American and other house, was read, and thereupon House
it was ordered, that the subject be referred to the Chief of Police
with instructions to enforce the existing laws and ordinances upon
that subject.

Petition of Ada Adams for re- Adams.
pair of the drain in Northam Street, of J. T. Souther and other Souther.
for a common sewer in A. Street from Broadway to Second Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Ebenezer Vose and Vose.
others for abatement of a nuisance at corner of Perry and Mason
Streets - of S. H. Henry and others for removal of a nuisance at
corner of Maverick Square and Summer Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Internal Health.

Communication of the Han- Hancock Bridge
cock Tree Bridge Corporation respecting the extension of Cambridge Cambridge Street.
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Nelson Spear concern- Spear.
ing some of the Harbor Regulations: read and referred to the
Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28. Concurred.

Petition of Margaret Little, wife Little.
of John Little who was killed at a fire in Commercial Street, for
pecuniary assistance. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent
down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Concurred.

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Marble.

The subject of the election of a Surveyor of Marble was taken from the table, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that Thomas May Jr. was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Dearborn.

Central Ground.

Remonstrance of John M. Dearborn.

against closing the cemetery on the Common. Referred to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Whorf-Young-
School House
at
East Boston.

Petition of James Whorf and others.

of James Young and others that a new location be selected for the School House at East Boston. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee who have had charge of said subject. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred Sept. 28.

Hamilton Alley.

High Street.
Castle Street.

The Superintendent of Health present.

ad to the Board schedules of assessments for abatement of nuisances in Hamilton Alley, High Street Court, and Castle Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Supt. of
Market.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market, it appeared that Charles B. Rice was elected.

Mount
Washington
Avenue.

The report and orders relative

to the construction of the Mount Washington Avenue (as recorded on page 529) were taken from the table and the first order having been amended by inserting at A. after the word 'Engineer' the following, and the special Committee to whom the subject was referred, the paper was again laid upon the table.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of Samuel I. Ford, for the grade of K. Street, report, that no further action is required in their part, and that so much as relates to building be referred to the Committee on Streets. Read and accepted.

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Ford.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, Alderman Williams was appointed on the special Committee on the subject of the Lunatic Hospital extension &c.

Lunatic

Hospital.

On nomination by the Mayor, Frederick P. Cheney was appointed a Police Officer.

Police.

The report of the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market for the quarter ending this day, was read and placed on file.

Market.

On the petition of Price I. Evans and others for the grade of Hanson Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Evans

On the petition of Joseph C. Moore for an abatement of a nuisance said to be occasioned by the erection of the Wall Street School House, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as the nuisance originates on his own premises. Read and accepted.

Moore

On the petition of Samuel A. Way for the grade of Shawmut Avenue near Arnold Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Way.

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Copenhagen.

On petition of John R. Copeland for a fruit stand at corner of Allen and Brown Streets, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

East Orange.

London St.

sewers

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of common sewers in East Orange Street, and in London Street East Boston, said subjects were recommitted to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

New York

Central

Rail Road

Draus

Ordered: That the Committee on the Harbor cause the openings for Draus in the Bridge now building by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company to be put into a suitable condition for the passage of vessels, and the expense of the same be charged to said Rail Road Company. Sent down for concurrence. October 5. Came up concurred.

Clark Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to reset the edgestones and relay the sidewalks in Clark Street between Hanover and North Streets.

Division

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of the Committee on Paving, cause Division Street to be graded and put in order for travel.

Broad Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair a portion of Broad Street, between Battery March Street and Broad Street.

Whereas Frederick O. Prince has 541.

given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Congress Square in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Square should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Prince that this Board intend to widen and discontinue a part of the Square before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public square - and that Friday, the fourth day of August next, at 12 o'clock, it, is assigned as the time for the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Seventeenth day of May, public notice thereof having first been given, an obstructed Drain has been cleared in Hamilton Alley, the cost of which, was Forty two dollars, charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted, as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Eighteenth day of July, public notice thereof having first been given, a drain has been constructed in Castle Street, the cost of which was Thirty six Dollars and ninety two cents, to be charged to persons bene-

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Prince.

Congress Square.

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gilted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

High Street
Court.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty sixth day of June, public notice thereof having first been given, an obstructed drain has been cleared in High Street Court, the cost of which was ten dollars to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Trutnac
Street.
Bacon.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause the drains and cesspools on premises at the corner of Trutnac and West Centre Streets, owned by the heirs of John Bacon, deceased, to be cleaned and repaired at the expense of said heirs, who though duly notified have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Portland
Street.
Fries.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health remove from the premises No 23 Portland Street, the dirt and filth which has accumulated in the cellar and charge the expense of the same to John A. Fries, who, though duly notified,

fied has neglected to abate said nuisance.

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The Committee on Cemeteries, Intra-mural
Interments.
to whom was recommended the whole subject of intra-mural burials, have in no way changed their views in regard to interments in the City of Boston. The territory is so limited and the increase of population such, as to render it morally certain that the accumulation of decomposing human bodies, at the ordinary rate of mortality, if burials are continued, must prove essentially prejudicial to the living. Aside from the combined testimony of all intelligent medical men, to the evil consequences of stowing decaying animal remains under churches and in tombs, in compact settlements, it is the common sentiment of this community, freely expressed, that burials should no longer be tolerated in Boston. Where an opinion is advanced in opposition to this philosophical conclusion, it is generally based on some reference to a property interest. Throughout Great Britain, measures have been energetically adopted, to prevent further interments in populous towns and cities. If by the increase of a terrible nuisance, the people cannot occupy residences contiguous to these vast receptacles of the dead, in several sections of the City, on account of the offensive odors perpetually wafted from them through the air, a condition of things that may certainly be anticipated, it is an act of humanity as well as official obligation, to prevent a calamity which has had its origin from such a source in other cities. A train of injurious effects arising from foetid exhalations and destructive gases emanating from putrid animal matter, might be collected in melancholy array, to sustain the position taken by the Committee, but the fact that a

Sept. 21. simple declaration of the facts set forth in the history of induc-
ing 21. 1854. tural burials, and add that the circumstances of the case require
Several usual cemeteries in the vicinity, distinguished for beauty
of location, are accessible at all seasons, and at moderate prices.
A large majority of citizens bereft of their friends by death, prefer
these tastefully prepared grounds, where no encroachments inci-
dent to the march of business would hereafter disturb the sacred
remains of those deposited there. & knowledge, however, of the con-
sequences that may follow a continuance of the custom of induc-
tural burials in the midst of a thickly inhabited city, must
obviously, upon the broad principle of self preservation, be aban-
doned, and it will redound to the official credit of the Board
of Health, to close every yard and forbid the opening of
another tomb in Boston, till their present contents have entire-
ly disappeared. The Committee recommend that the farm
in Dedham, owned by the City, should be appropriated for a
cemetery. It is sufficiently extensive, diversified in aspect, ap-
proachable by two rail roads and susceptible of improve-
ments. There will unquestionably be remonstrants to this
course, but the absolute necessities of the Metropolis of the State,
will beyond no doubt induce the Legislature to sanction the
enterprise. The Committee again repeat their conviction, that
burials under St. Matthews Church, at South Boston, and on
Copp's Hill, should be forthwith prohibited. They are decided in
this, as an important sanitary precaution. Testimony the
most convincing might be adduced, to show how negligent
the civil authorities may be considered, hereafter if they fail
to discharge this imperative duty, as conservators of the public
health. When this has been accomplished, the Board may then

with propriety, deliberate on the subject of closing all other 545.
burial places in Boston. With these considerations, the Committee July 31, 1854.
urgently recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.
For the Committee, W. G. Smith. Ordered: That the City Regis-
trar be and he hereby is directed to issue no permits for burials
under St. Matthews Church at South Boston^B, or in Copp's Hill
Cemetery, from this date, without permission of the Mayor. Read
and thereupon Alderman Dunham moved to include at B.
the ground in Ward 12, bounded on Dorchester, Sixth, and 7th
streets known as the Catholic Burying Ground. Alderman Wil-
liams moved to include "all the cemeteries of the City not her-
etofore specified in the orders of the Board" pending the discussion
on these proposed amendments, the subject was laid upon the
table.

Whereas it appears that a nuis- Dyer
ance exists on premises of Micah Dyer occasioned by a defect- Commercial
tive vault, and whereas it appears that said nuisance has Street.
not been removed by said Dyer, though he has been duly noti-
fied thereof, therefore, Ordered: That the Chief of Police cause
said vault to be repaired and cleansed and said nuisance
abated at the expense of said Dyer.

Ordered: That the Super- Childs
intendent of Health cause the drain in rear of House N^o. 69 & Harrison
71 Harrison Avenue, and belonging to Elizabeth Childs, Charles Avenue.
C. Foster, Elias H. Luther, and Charles Semme, to be cleansed &
repaired at the expense of said parties, who though duly noti-
fied have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Ordered: That the Superintendent

July 31, 1854. *Superintendent of Health and the Chief of Police cause the drains and
Dunbar vaults on Turnpike and Second Streets belonging to Peter Dunbar,
Turnpike to be cleansed and repaired at the expense of said Dunbar,
& Second St: who though duly notified has neglected to abate said nuisance.*

Commercial
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Commercial Street from Long Street to South Market Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Kneland
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Kneland Street from Harrison Avenue to Hudson Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Hall
Marginal
Street.

The Committee on Paving to which was referred the petition of Samuel Hall and others, for a change of grade of Marginal Street, would respectfully report in favor of the change asked for by the petitioners, provided, they give to the City a bond, to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, that no person shall claim any damage in consequence of said change, and that the whole expense of raising of the grade shall

to be borne by the petitioners. Upon such a bond being duly executed 547.
and given to the City, they would recommend the passage of an July 31. 1854
order authorizing the change of grade as asked for. For the Com-
mittee, George P. Williams, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee of Paving to Mr. Kay.
which was referred the petition of Nathaniel M. Kay and others for sidewalks to be laid in Lexington Street, would report that Lexington
said street is unpaved, and for the City to construct sidewalks
therein would be a departure from all prior action of the govern-
ment in relation to the streets of East Boston. It is well known
that until a street is paved the abutters cannot be compelled to
construct sidewalks, nor can the City collect the money expended
for a like purpose until the street is paved. It would therefore be
unfair towards citizens to make one portion pay for their sidewalks
and another not. There is another reason which would prevent
the Committee from reporting in favor of granting the prayer of the
petitioners, allowing the above insurmountable objections did not
exist, which is this, along the line of several of the important
paved streets there are many places where there are no sidewalks
and for which petitions have been sent in for several years
past, and this year an order has passed authorizing the Super-
intendent of Streets to cause them to be laid, and this work will
use up all of the paving appropriation to be devoted to that pur-
pose. The Committee would therefore respectfully report that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, George P. Wil-
liams, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Resolved, That the safety and

July 31. 1854. convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require, that Broad Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Samuel Luford - bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by land lately taken from William A. Boardman to widen the said street, there measuring $\frac{36}{100}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the said street, eighteen feet and $\frac{16}{100}$ of a foot; Northwardly by a board or passageway, $\frac{16}{100}$ of a foot; and Southwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, eighteen feet and $\frac{50}{100}$ of a foot; containing seven square feet and $\frac{10}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board, to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, that the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. J. Chetbrough dated Oct. 10th 1853. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Broad street, as aforesaid, will amount to One hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Clark

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Clark Street from North to Commercial Street, and make such changes in the grade of said street as he shall deem necessary and remove all such paper

lions on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. July 31. 1854.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair West Street between Belmont and Mason Streets with either the "Nicolson Pavement," so called, or the Iron Pavement, upon the following conditions, viz: That the abutters on said street if the "Nicolson Pavement" is used pay three quarters of the cost of the same; if the Iron Pavement is used, two thirds of the cost of the same. Also that an agreement to this effect be furnished to the Superintendent of Streets before the work is commenced. (See page 586)

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Commercial Street from Lewis to Clark Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Hanover Street from Fleet to Charter Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Adjourned to Friday, next, at twelve o'clock M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Friday the fourth day of August, Anno Domini. 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Allen and
Washburn.

Thomas.

Petition of Charles Thomas to be
paid for damage occasioned by the change of grade in Church
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Engine House

N^o 10.

Communication from the Board of
Engineers of the Boston Fire Department concerning a trespass com-
mitted on property of Engine Company N^o 10. at East Boston. Referred
to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Dangerous
Building

A communication from the Board
of Engineers of the Fire Department concerning a dangerous build-
ing at the corner of North and Clark Streets was referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Davenport

Truwell

Petition of William Davenport
and others for the abatement of a nuisance in Waltham Street -
of J. H. Truwell for abatement of a nuisance on Shawmut Avenue.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Thorndike
Wharves Street.

Petition of William H. Thorndike &
others that the grade of Chelsea Street between Maverick Square
and Decatur Street, may be changed. Referred to the Committee
on Paving with full power.

Petition of Isaac Parker for the 551.

grade and paving of Shawmut Avenue corner of Ballland Street. Aug. 4, 1854.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

The report of the City Clerk for the quarter ending July 31st showing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$197.46. was read and sent down.

The reports of the Hayweighers at the Northern and the Southern Scales showing that for the quarter ending Aug 1st the former had received \$776.28 and the latter \$22.80 - fifty percent of which was paid into the City Treasury, were read and sent down.

The report of the Chief of Police and Captain of the Watch for the month of July was read and sent down.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred the subject of cutting off a wooden building at the corner of Eliot and Washington Streets, reported, that the measure proposed is inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of H. D. Parker for the discontinuance of a portion of School Street, reported, that said measure is inexpedient. Read and accepted.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society that the line of School Street may be defined, reported, that no action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Aug. 4, 1854.

Rand.

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary Rand, widow of John Rand, the sum of Twenty three hundred dollars for land taken to widen the new North Street, upon her giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Foster

Street.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby requested to consider and report what title the City has, if any, to the lower part of Foster Street, below Commercial Street, which is claimed by private individuals.

Quincy

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Quincy Street from E. to H. Streets, and charge the same to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Point Shirley.

Huckbury.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a public highway should be laid out at Point Shirley in the town of Winthrop, and County of Suffolk, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to William Huckbury that this Board intend to take part of the land of said Huckbury, and lay out the same as a public highway, and that Monday, the Seventh day of August instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor John M. Cotton, Horace G. Barrows, and Chauncy Shattis were appointed on the Police.

Ordered: That the Superinten- 553.

dent of Streets be authorized to repair Bulterymarch Street, - July 1, 1854.
from Hamilton to Broad Streets, and make such changes in Bulterymarch
the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and re- Street.
move all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall
deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street
which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of
the City.

On the petition of Samuel Holth- Holthingham-
ingham, Jr and others, - Ordered: That Atkinson Street as at - Atkinson St:
present laid out from Broad to Milk Streets be hereafter called - Congress St:
and known as Congress Street, and that the Committee on Paving
be authorized to cause said change to be carried into effect.

Leave was granted to James G. Thom.
Thom to exhibit some natural curiosities, petrifications &c on the
usual conditions.

No person appearing to object to Congress
the proposed discontinuance and widening of Congress Square
by straightening the line of said Square on N. O. Prince's es- Square.
tate, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets
with full power.

The Superintendent of Common Sew- Elbow St:
ers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the con- Chambers St:
struction of Common Sewers in Elbow Street, in Chambers and Washington
Eaton Streets, and in Washington Court. Referred to the Commit- Court.
tee on Sewers and Drains

A communication was received Aug. 24. 1854. from the Directors of the House of Industry & Clothing that in Broadway extending Broadway under the order of the Mayor and Aldermen, it will be necessary to remove a portion of the buildings of the House of Reformation. Read and thereupon, it was ordered that the Directors of the House of Industry &c. be and they are hereby authorized to remove any and all of the wooden buildings which may be over the line of Broadway, as said street is now being graded. Sent down for concurrence.

Brattle St.

sewer.

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday the twenty eighth day of August at four o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Brattle Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Atkins

Meridian St.

The Committee on Paving to which were referred the petitions of Abigail Cole and others, and Ebenezer Atkins and others, to have sidewalks laid on Meridian Street, East Boston, would respectfully report, that an order has been passed for the accomplishment of the work prayed for to be done, and they have been informed by the Superintendent of Streets that he has made arrangements to have the sidewalks laid this season. The Committee would therefore report that no further action is necessary. For the Committee, Geo. A. Williams Chairman. Read & accepted.

Resolved, That the safety and 555.

convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Congress Square should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to T. C. Prince, bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by the said Square, there measuring twelve feet and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a foot; Eastwardly by the said Square, ten feet and $\frac{22}{100}$ of a foot; and Southwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said Square (being a line parallel to and distant nineteen feet and $\frac{40}{100}$ of a foot southwardly from the northerly line of the said Square) thirteen feet and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a foot; containing sixteen square feet and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herewith annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chestbrough dated July 31st 1854. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Congress Square, as aforesaid, will amount to one dollar: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, Mount
the report and orders respecting the laying out of the Mount Wash- Washington
ington Avenue are taken from the table, and the following addi- Avenue
tional amendment having been adopted, viz at **B**/us on page 532/

and the said Mount Washington Avenue Company shall give a bond to complete said Avenue within three years. The same were passed.

A. Street.

Public

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday the twenty eighth day of August at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in A. Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Chambers

& Eaton Sts.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the tenth day of October 1853 public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Chamber and Eaton Streets, the cost of which was five hundred and forty three Dollars and forty three cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains four hundred and seven dollars $\frac{7}{8}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Elbow

Street.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty first day of July 1854, a Drain has been constructed in Elbow Street, the cost of which was one hundred and

sixty six dollars and ninety seven cents, to be charged to persons 357.
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that Jan. 11, 1854.
the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefit-
ted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with
the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional
part of the expense of the said Drain, and the same is ordered to be
certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants
or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Washington
of the Committee on Internal Health a drain has been construct- Court.
ed in Washington about the cost of which was Two hundred and
sixty one dollars and seventy three cents, to be charged to persons
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered,
that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being
benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assess-
ed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their
proportional part of the expense of the said Drain, and the same
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties afo-
said, their tenants or lessees.

Resolved, That the safety and Congress
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that a portion Square.
of Congress Square should be discontinued adjacent to land of discontinuance.
J. O. Prince, said portion being bounded as follows, viz: Northwest by Prince.
by land of the said Prince, on an irregular line, there measuring
thirty one feet and $\frac{10}{100}$ of a foot northwardly by the proposed line of
discontinuance on the said Square, (being a line parallel to, and
distant nineteen feet and $\frac{10}{100}$ of a foot southwardly from, the north-
erly line of the said Square,) thirty feet and $\frac{50}{100}$ of a foot; and
westwardly by Devonshire Street $\frac{10}{100}$ of a foot; containing fourteen

558 square feet and $\frac{25}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less And Whereas,
Aug. 4. 1854. due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to dis-
continue the said portion, as appears by the return herunto
annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before
described be, and the same hereby is, discontinued as a public
street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said dis-
continuance made by E. J. Chebrough dated July 31st 1854. and de-
posited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this
Board doth adjudge that the expense of discontinuing the said
portion of Congress Square, as aforesaid, will amount to one dol-
lar: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previ-
ous alterations or discontinuances in said Square, during the present
municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

House of
Correction. The Sub-committee appointed
Deer Island. by and from the Joint Standing Committee of the City Council
on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, to which was
referred the order of inquiry in relation to the expediency of mak-
ing alterations in the Deer Island Hospital building, so as to ren-
der it a suitable building for use as a "House of Correction" and
the removal of said Institution from South Boston to Deer Island.
Report: Your Committee are satisfied that increased accommo-
dations are absolutely necessary for the number of persons now
sentenced to the House of Correction. That statutes of the State
make it a duty on the part of the Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Boston to provide for the County of Suffolk safe, convenient,
and suitable buildings to be used as a House of Correction for
said County. It is a well understood fact that the buildings now
used at South Boston, are not sufficiently extensive to accommo-

date and safely keep so large a number of prisoners as are at 569.
present confined there, and it is presumed that this number will Aug. 11, 1851.
be increasing rather than diminishing in the future. The question
to be decided is, which is the more proper and economical plan, con-
sidering all the circumstances connected with the subject, to adapt
shall we make such additions to the buildings at South Boston, as
will enable us to meet present and future exigencies; or shall we
alter the Deer Island Hospital building as will render it a
proper and safe building to be used for such a purpose? Your Com-
mittee are fully satisfied, all things considered, that the latter plan
suggested is the more proper. The State authorities having taken in
charge the paupers, heretofore supported by the city, but who have been
a State charge, the number now left at Deer Island is about 260.
This is a large and expensive building, having originally cost
at \$260,000. In its present use only a very small portion is occu-
pied, and it becomes a serious question to decide what use shall
be made of it. The House of Industry institution could be accom-
modated in one of the smaller wings. The city can put it to no profit-
able use unless it is made a House of Correction. A sale of this
property would result, undoubtedly, in a great loss on the original
cost. Fortunately it is now constructed that the necessary alterations
can be made at a moderate cost. It was the remark of a distin-
guished architect, that those who designed the building originally
must have made a mistake and supposed it was to be one day
a House of Correction, and not a House of Industry or Hospital.
Your Committee are informed that about 550 cells are now requi-
red to accommodate the present number of prisoners sentenced
to this institution. By the report and communications herewith of
Joseph E. Richards, Esq, an architect of some celebrity, and the pre-

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persons accompanying the same, it will be seen that the alterations could be made and 352 cells constructed on the most approved plan for about \$45,000. The construction of these cells would occupy only a portion of the building, and much valuable room would be left to be used as workshops for the prisoners; and if found eventually necessary, about 650 cells additional could be constructed in the building by convict labor, and using in part the materials now at South Boston, at a very small cost. Your Committee are satisfied that the above estimate of cost given by Mr. Richards will fully cover the expense of alterations at Deer Island, and they feel very confident that they could be done for some \$5,000 less. The cost of making additions to the building at South Boston, of sufficient extent to meet present and probable future necessities, would in the estimation of the Committee be quite equal to the cost of alterations at Deer Island. It is true there would not be so many cells to construct, but the additional buildings must necessarily be erected. There is evidently a growing sentiment in the minds of the people in favor of the removal of all the City institutions from South Boston. The City has a large amount of real estate there unoccupied and unproductive, very pleasantly situated and desirable for residences. In the immediate vicinity of the City lands are other extensive tracts of unimproved lands. It is thought that the main difficulties in the way of the sale and improvement of all these lands is the presence of these institutions. If that difficulty is removed and the lands sold, much money might be brought to the City Treasury and millions of taxable property created. It has been stated that these lands could not be sold. The Committee are authorized to say that responsible parties are now ready to purchase all of the City lands for the purpose of improving the same, and are ready to pay a price

20 per cent. higher than the price named at which it was said the 561.
lands could not be sold. in view of these facts, the Committee recom- Aug. 1, 1834.
mend that alterations be made in the Deer Island Hospital build-
ing to make it suitable and safe as a House of Correction, and that
said institution be located in said building. For the Committee Geo.
Belcher. The Committee on Institutions adopt the above Report
and recommend the passage of the following Order. / H. Smith,
Chairman. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings in
conjunction with the Committee on Institutions at South Boston
and Deer Island, be and they are hereby authorized to make
such alterations in the Brick Building at Deer Island, as shall
render it suitable for use as a House of Correction, provided the cost
of the same shall not exceed the sum of \$45,000. Ordered, That
the Brick Building on Deer Island be, and the same is hereby approp-
riated for a House of Correction for the County of Suffolk, and to be
occupied as soon as the necessary alterations can be completed. Laid
on the table and ordered to be printed. See City Document No. 53.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Monday the seventh day of August, Anno Domini, 1834.

Read.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Allen.

Aug 7 1854. *Petition of James S. Wiggan re-
specting the fence and sidewalks around Franklin Square. Referred to the Committee on the Common &c.*

Hathorne.

Petition of J. W. Hathorne for leave to erect on the westerly end of Pinevil Hall an enclosure to protect the clock thereon &c. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Bates.

Petition of Joseph H. Bates and others for the erection of an engine house at East Boston for the accommodation of the engine recently placed in that section of the City. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Lefferson

Petition of John Lefferson and others that the paving of Marginal Street may be extended to Cottage St. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Mc Kay.

Petition of Donald Mc Kay and others, that Salutation Street may be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Houston & al.

Mechanic
Street.

Petition of Houston & Pierce for leave to close Mechanic Street for twenty days while building is going on in said street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Burns.

Petition of James Burns & others for a Common Sewer in K. street from Third Street to the water. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Petition of Robert P. Wiggins to be 563

paid for damage sustained in the 'Old Road', so called. Referred Aug. 7, 1854.
to the Committee on Paving and Repairs of Streets. Wiggins.

On petition of John Briscoe and Briscoe.
wife to be paid for the damage sustained by the change of grade
on South Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to with-
draw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Superinten- Fruit Street
dent of Common Sewers be and he is authorized to extend
the Fruit Street Sewer to low water mark or as far as may be
deemed necessary. Sewer.

Leave was granted to J. E. Hazel- Hazelton.
ton to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Pickney St.
on the usual conditions.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police South Street
be directed to notify the abutters on South from Beach Street to
Boston and Worcester Rail Road track, to furnish edgestones and
lay their sidewalks with brick or flat stones within thirty days.

On petition of George Ballard Ballard.
and others for the repair of the sidewalks in Clark Street, the Com. Clark Street.
mittee on Paving reported that no further action is required thereon,
an order to repair said sidewalks having already been passed. Read
and accepted.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police, North
under the direction of the Committee on Paving, remove all ob- Street.
structions projecting over the lines of North Street, and cause all
cellar doorways to be closed, that said Committee may deem for the pub-

lic interest and safety.

Aug. 7 1854
Mechanic
Street.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor, under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be and is hereby directed to investigate the rights of the City of Boston, in and to the land known as Mechanic Street, leading from North Street to Hanover Street, and report to this Board as early as practicable.

Themont
Street
Worcester
Rail Road.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation to cause the sidewalk to be laid in Themont Street in front of said Corporation's estate adjoining the Railroad Bridge. Also that the order passed Sept. 19th 1853 in relation to the constructing of said sidewalk, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

South
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave South Street from Beach Street to the Boston and Worcester Railroad track, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Also to make changes in the grade of said Street if it shall be found necessary to allow the surface water to run off.

Brattle
Square.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Brattle Square, and make such changes in the grade of said Square as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Square as he shall deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Square which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

On nomination by the Mayor 565.

Joseph H. Warren was appointed on the Harbor Police vice James Aug., 1854.
L. Kimball resigned; William Chadbourne as a Police Officer - Elias
Swick as Special Police Officer at Copp's Hill cemetery - and Harrison
Marsh a Constable of the Watch. Police.

No person appearing to object Point
to the proposed laying out of a highway at Point Shirley on land of Shirley.
William Shuckbury, said subject was recommended to the Committee
on Streets with full power.

The Committee on Paving &c. Tremont
to whom was recommended a previous report concerning the duties Road.
of the Mayor and Aldermen to fence up the sides of the Tremont
Road and adjacent streets, report the following order. For the Committee,
Geo. H. Williams, Chairman. Ordered: That the committee on Paving
be and they are hereby authorized to erect a cheap fence on the line
of such streets as they may think the public interest require. Read,
accepted and the order passed.

On motion of Alderman Williams East Boston
the order for the sale of the East Boston School House lot which School house.
was laid upon the table July 31st was taken therefrom and passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The Auditor of Accounts presented Auditor's
to the Board his report of monies received by him during quarterly
the quarter ending July 31st. Read and sent down.

The City Registrar presented to City
the Board his report of fees received for the quarter ending July 31 Registrar.
1854. Read and sent down.

Aug. 7, 1854 On motion of Alderman Ollivier
the papers in relation to George Hunt's claim on the city for damages
occasioned by change of grade in Water Street were taken from
the table and referred to the Committee on Paving with full powers.

In Supt. of The Superintendent of the Market
Market. having nominated to the Board, Thomas Bennett as Deputy
Superintendent, said nomination was confirmed by the Board.

Police. On nomination by the Mayor, Charles
B. Rice and Thomas Bennett were appointed Special Police Officers
for Faneuil Hall Market.

Spinoth's Ordered: That the Committee on
Wharf Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to cause the
Engine House at the head of Spinoth's Wharf to be removed to the
lot of land nearly opposite between and at the junction of North
and Commercial Streets, or if deemed by them expedient to erect a
suitable Engine and Police Station House on said vacant lot with
a view of dispensing with the Engine House before referred to. Sent
down for concurrence. Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Intra-mural The subject of Intra-mural interments
Interments. was considered by the Board and the papers relating to that sub-
ject having been taken from the table, Alderman Williams with-
drew the amendment which he proposed July 31 and the question
recurring upon the amendment proposed by Alderman Latham
the same was adopted it was also voted to strike out from the origi-
nal order the words "Board of" and "and Aldermen". The question
then recurring upon the passage of the order as amended it was

still further amended by adding at the close thereof "but he may 367
issue permits to the owners of tombs under St. Matthews Church to de- Aug. 7. 1854
posit therein temporarily the bodies of such of their relatives as die
between November 15th and March 1st said bodies to be removed there-
from before the fifteenth day of March in each year" at this stage of
the proceedings the order as amended was laid upon the table, on
motion of Alderman Williams, who offered the following order -
viz: Ordained: That the Committee on Cemeteries consider the expedi-
ency of prohibiting the interment of the dead in any burial place
within the limits of the City unless by special permission of the
Mayor and Aldermen. Read and adopted.

The Board then proceeded James-
to view the old building corner of North and Clark Streets which North Street
was described in the complaint. From the Board of Engineers of dangerous
the Fire Department whereupon the following preamble and order building.
were passed: Whereas this Board are satisfied from a personal
inspection of the premises that the brick building now standing
on the corner of North and Clark Street and belonging to John
W. James, is so defective and unstable as to be dangerous to the
lives and limbs of the citizens who pass said street, and is therefore
a public nuisance, it is hereby Ordained: That a notice in writing
be served upon said James the owner of said building, that he
cause the same to be taken down within one week from date
hereof - And in default thereof, the Chief of Police, under the di-
rection of the Committee on Internal Health, is hereby directed to
take down said building, at the expense of the said John W. James.

Adjourned for three weeks from this date.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Monday the Twenty eighth day of August Anno Domini 1854
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Lewis

Petition of A. L. & W. C. Lewis for the
removal of the oyster stands at the corner of South Market and Com-
mercial Streets. Referred to the Mayor.

Francis

Petition of Ebenezer Francis to
be paid for land taken from him in Beverly Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

Fleming

Petition of William Fleming for
a license for the National Theatre. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

N.Y. & N.E.

Telegraph Co. Petition of the New York and
New England Telegraph Company for leave to set poles or posts in
the Public Garden whereon their telegraph wires may be sustained.
Referred to the Committee on the Common we. with full power.

Gould

Petition of Cyrus P. Gould for an
increase of salary as Porter to the County Buildings. Referred to the Com-
mittee on County Accounts.

Hydrant

Co. No. 3

Petition of Hydrant Co. No. 3. for an
increase in the number of their members. Referred to the Committee on
the Fire Department.

Mass. Char.

Mechanic. No. 1. Petition of the Massachusetts Charita-
ble Mechanic Association for the use of Faneuil Hall, October 11th wherein
to hold their Tri-ennial Festival. Referred to the Committee on Public
Buildings on the part of this Board.

Petition of George Revere to 569.

be compensated for damage sustained to his drain in South Cedar Street. Aug. 28, 1854.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Revere.

Petition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for leave to erect a tent upon the Common, wherein to hold their Annual Exhibition. Referred to the Committee on the Common &c. Mass: Hort: Society.

Petition of Isaac Hall for leave to erect a Steam Engine at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines &c. Hall.

Petition of Lewis Rice & others, Hotel Keepers, asking leave to remove their House offal in carts of their own construction &c. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Rice. House offal.

Petition of Susan L. Goff for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a drain to remove a nuisance in Silver Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Goff.

Petition of John B. Babcock and others that the City would continue the watering of Shawmut Avenue through the month of September. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Babcock.

Petition of C. F. Allen for the abatement of a nuisance caused by the N.Y. Central Rail Road between Second Street and Broadway. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Allen.

Petition of John W. James to the Supreme Judicial Court for a writ of prohibition to restrain the Mayor James

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(Aug. 28, 1854.) and Aldermen from taking down his building on the corner of Clark and North Streets. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Hawley- Petition of J. R. Hawley and others
Hathaway. that Elm Street be paved - of H. F. Hathaway and others, that the 'Old Road' may be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Revere. Petition of George Revere to be compensated for damage sustained by the change of grade in South Cedar Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Johnson. Petition of Earl W. Johnson for leave to
construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Pearl Street - of L. B. Adams
Adams. and for leave to build the same under the sidewalk in Beyston
Street - of N. J. Bradlee for leave to construct the same under the
sidewalk in Washington Street corner of Avery Street. Referred to
the Committee on Paving with full power.

Savage. Petition of C. R. Savage for leave to
move a wooden building from Border Street to Chelsea Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Monney. Petition of Dennis Monney for leave
to move a wooden building on Byron Street, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Heyer. Petition of Heyer Brothers and others,
that Congress Street may be re-numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Charles Francis Ad- 571.

ams for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a Com- Aug. 28. 1854.
mon Sewer in Eaton and Chambers Street. Referred to the Commit- Adams.
tee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Willis B. Mendum & Mendum.
others for a common sewer in Medford Court; of Josiah Quincy Quincy.
for the extension of the common sewer in Clinton Street; of John Giggis.
Giggis and others for a sewer in Arnold Street; of William A. Davis Bowles.
and others for a sewer in Eighth Street; of Richard Green & others Green.
for a drain in Quincy Street; of James Kelley & others for a Sewer Kelley.
in Gold Street; of J. M. Merriam and others that the common sewer Merriam
in Essex Street may be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &
Drains.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Ad- Hancock
ams and Charles L. Hancock respecting the sewer in First and H. & Adams.
Streets at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

The Superintendent of Sewers for Orange Lane.
sent to the Board schedules of appointments for the construction of Atkinson, Putnam.
Common Sewers in Orange Lane, Atkinson Street, Putnam, Lexington, Lexington, Brooks,
Brooks and Saratoga, and Bremen also in Paris Street, which were Saratoga, Bremen
referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. & Paris Street.

No person appearing to object to the Brattle Street.
proposed construction of the Common Sewers in Brattle Street, and in A. Street.
A. Street, said subjects were referred to the Committee on Sewers &
Drains with full power.

Ordered, That a Common Sewer Third
be laid in Third Street west of H. Street and due notice be given Street.

572. That this Court will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M. take into
Aug. 28. 1834 consideration the expediency of ascertaining the expense thereof on all
persons who may enter their particular Trains into such Common Tows,
or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit
thereby: any person making objections thereto, will then and there
be heard.

Fire Alarms

Petition of the Engineers of the
Boston Fire Department that the Bell on the Baptist Church at
South Boston may be connected with the Telegraphic Fire Alarm. Referred
to the Committee on Fire Alarms with full power. Sent down for
concurrence. Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Lewis

Petition of George A. Lewis & others
for compensation for damages sustained by them from the unexcused
detention of M. Street in South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Claims.
Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Probate

Court
Old papers Ordered: That the Chairman of
the Committee on County Accounts be and he is hereby instructed to
take immediate measures to have all the valuable papers and
documents now loosely and unsafely thrown together in the basement
of the building occupied by the Probate Court; collected, filed and
properly packed away to prevent their loss and destruction.

Lamps

Ordered: That there be allowed
the Superintendent of Lamps i.e. the sum of Two hundred dollars
per annum as a compensation for clerk hire in his department.

Ordered: That the Supervisor 573

tendent of Streets be authorized to require him Street from Hanover Aug. 28, 1854.
Street to Butler Square, and make such changes in the grade Com
of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such Street.
projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous;
also, to close all openings into said Street which are not secured
in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Petition of Sampson and Sampson

Sampson and fifty other legal voters of this City; that the 25th day of Annexion of
September be assigned as the day of voting upon the question of Charlestown.
annexion of Charlestown to Boston. Read and thereupon Ordered: Warrant
That warrants be issued for the meeting of the legal voters of the for Ward
City of Boston in their respective Wards on Monday the 25th day of meetings.
September next at 10 o'clock, A.M. then and there to give in their
ballots for or against the acceptance of an Act of the Legislature of
his Commonwealth passed April 24, 1854, entitled An Act for the
annexion of Charlestown to Boston. The votes to be kept open until
four o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the Standing Fire

Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby instruct- Fire
ed to review the City Ordinances relating to the Fire Department.
for the purpose of recommending alterations and amendments to
said Ordinances if, in the judgement of the Committee and al-
terations or amendments are required.

On motion of Alderman Allen, Suffolk

the report and order respecting the Suffolk and Shawmut Gas Com- & Shawmut
panies, which were laid upon the table July 18, were taken therefrom Gas Companies.
and said order was adopted as recorded on page 507/
Adjourned to Monday next, at 4 o'clock, P.M.

[Vide July 2^d. 1860]

At a Special Meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Friday the first day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dingley, & Washburn.

Engine No. 7

Petition of Engine Co. No. 7, for leave
to take their Engine to Springfield on the 14th instant. Referred to the
Committee on the Fire Department.

Engine No. 3

Communication of Congress of
the Boston Fire Department, recommending for reasons therein stated
the discharge of Engine Co. No. 3. Referred to the Committee on the
Fire Department.

Police Court

at Deer
Island.

Ordered: under the authority of
Chapter 179 of the Statutes of 1853, that the Chapel of the Hospital at
Deer Island be assigned as a place, where any Justice of the Po-
lice Court may hold a session of said Court, for the trial of Criminal
Cases.

National
Theatre.

A license was granted to H. M.
Heming to open the National Theatre, for the ensuing season.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 575
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Monday the Fourth day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Washburn.

Petition of Edward Colburn for Colburn.
the discharge of Watchman Sperry. Referred to the Mayor.

Communication from the Engi- Wooden
neers of the Fire Department concerning a wooden building of building
illegal dimensions on Eliot Street. Referred to the Committee on Eliot St.
the Fire Department.

The Superintendent of Common Seventh St.
Sewers presented to the Board a schedule of apartments for the con-
struction of a common sewer in Seventh, Dorchester and P. streets.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of J. H. Westcott for Westcott.
leave to keep an Intelligence Office in Washington Street. Referred
to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Thomas Barry for Barry.
a license for the Boston Theatre - of John P. Ordway for a license Ordway.
for Ordway Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Harvey D. Parker Parker
that the sewer in School Street may be lowered. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Edward McColigan McColigan.
for the removal of Samuel Priest from the City's service in the

576 Paving Department. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Currier.

Petition of Gideon Currier and

Dennelly.

others for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Union

Jenkins

Park of William Dennelly for leave to move some wooden buildings at South Boston of Joshua Jenkins for leave to move some wooden buildings at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Maguire

Petition of Philip Maguire for

abatement of an assessment for the construction of a drain in

Davis

Silver Street to remove a nuisance therein of Henry A. Davis for abatement of a nuisance in Medford Court. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Rhodes

Petition of Daniel Rhodes, late

Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market, for an adjustment of his account with the City. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Boston Light

Petition of the Boston Light Artillery

Artillery.

to be furnished with a suitable Ammunition Box. Referred to the Committee on Armories with full power.

Ransom

Petition of John G. Ransom to be

paid for damage sustained by the bad condition of the South Boston Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Police Office

Remonstrance of the Chief of Police

against the removal of his office from the City Hall. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.

Sep. 28. Same up concurred.

On petition of John B Babcock 577
and others, that the City would continue the watering of Shawmut Sep. 4, 1854.
thruue through the month of September, the Committee on Internal Babcock.
Health reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Communication from the Chief Station
of Police suggesting the union of all the Station Houses with the Houses
Central Office by means of the telegraphic fire alarm. Referred to
the Committee on Fire Alarms sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28
came up concurred.

Report of the doings of the Chief Police
of Police and Capt. of Watch for the month of August: was read &
sent down.

On petition of J. W. Merriam - Merriam.
Ordered, that due notice be given that this Board will, on Mon-
day next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency
of relaying the common sewer in Essex Street and of assessing
the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular
Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means
shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections
thereto, will then and there be heard.

On petition of John Griggs - Griggs.
Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Mon- Arnold Street.
day next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency
of constructing a common sewer in Arnold Street and Shawmut
Avenue and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who
may enter their particular Drains into such common sewer, or who
by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby:
Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

On petition of James Kelley.

Apr. 4. 1854. Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Gold Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Grease

On petition of Richard Grease

Quincy Street. Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Quincy Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Dyer

Ordered: That there be paid to

Ebenezer E. Dyer the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages in consequence of raising the grade of Atkinson Street, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for paving &c.

Ransom

On petition of Greeley Ransom

and others that interments in the Burying Ground corner of Dorchester and Fifth Street may be forbidden, the Committee on Com-

tries reported a recommendation that no further tunnels be allowed 579.
in the said ground, and that said ground be either laid out as Sep 4, 1854.
a public square or sold at public auction. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Fire De- Engine
partment to which was referred the petition of Engine Company No. 7 Co. No. 7
for leave to take their Engine to Springfield on the 14th instant, Re-
port: The Committee advised with the Board of Engineers upon the
subject matter of this petition, and they expressed the opinion that
at no time should the companies be allowed to take their machines
out of the City. As this petition requires the joint action of both bran-
ches of the City Council and as the Common Council held no session
until some days after the time specified in the petition, for which the
privilege is requested, the Committee recommend that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Geo. Colburn. Read and ac-
cepted.

Whereas an order passed this South
Board Aug. 7th authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to pave Street.
South Street from Kneeland Street to Boston and Worcester Railroad
track, and it appears that the portion of said Street between Kne-
land and Harvard Streets is forty feet wide, and that portion be-
tween Harvard Street and the Railroad track is fifty feet wide,
it is Ordered: That the Committee on Laying out and widening
Streets consider the expediency of making South Street between Kne-
land and Harvard Streets fifty feet wide, by taking land belong-
ing to the Old Colony Railroad Corporation.

On petition of the Massa- Massachusetts
chusetts Horticultural Society for leave to erect a Tent upon the Com Horticultural
mon wherein to hold their Annual Exhibition, the Committee on Society

580 the common re. reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition
Sep 4. 1834. subject to the direction of the Committee on the Common. Read and
accepted.

Weggin- On petition of James I. Weggin re-
Franklin Square. specting the repair of the Fence around Franklin Square, the Com-
mittee on the Common re. reported in favor of granting the prayer of the
petition. Read and accepted.

Briggs On petition of David Briggs &
others for a Common Sewer in Ludlow Street the Committee on
Sewers and Drains reported that the petitioners have leave to with-
draw. Read and accepted.

Goff On petition of Susan C. Goff for
abatement of an appropment for the construction of a Sewer in Silver
Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Rice- On petition of Lewis Rice & others
House of Representatives in Boston for the privilege of removing their own
House of Representatives, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the
petitioners have a hearing before the whole Board on Thursday
next at four o'clock, P.M. Read and accepted.

Richardson- Ordered: That Aldermen Drake,
Summer Street Williams and Dunham be a Committee to examine and report
dock what measures it is expedient for the City take to settle the various
suits brought against it by the Richardson respecting the sewer
and his alleged right of way in the Summer Street dock, with
authority to consult such counsel in the premises as they may deem
expedient.

On petition of Eber Parker for 581.

the construction of a common sewer in Sea Street the Committee Sep. 4, 1851.
on Sewers and Drains reported that the petitioner have leave to Parker.
withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on County Accounts Gould.

to which was referred the petition of Cyrus P. Gould for an increase
of salary for the duty of having charge of the Registry of Deeds
and Probate Office, recommend that the amount of One hundred
dollars per annum be allowed said petitioner in addition to his present
salary. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee on Station N^o 4.

Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to re-construct
the cells in Police Station N^o 4, so that they may be safe and reasonably
comfortable. Also to construct a hookup suitable as a lodging
place for such persons as are obliged to apply at said Police Station
for a night's lodging. A. Sent down for concurrence.

On petition of John Shefaron & Shefaron

others that the paving of Marginal Street may be extended, Marginal
the Committee on Paving reported that the street has been paved Street.
as far as possible as there is no sewer in the street and the top
water cannot be carried off beyond the point where the street has
been paved this season, and that therefore the petitioners have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That there be paid to Mercantile

the Mercantile Wharf Corporation and Josiah Quincy the sum of Wharf Co.
Four thousand dollars for land taken to lay out the new street Quincy,
parallel to Commercial Street by a resolve of this Board July 7,
1854, and pursuant to the terms of the deed given by the Mercantile

582. Wharf corporation and said Quincy dated July 3, 1854, and that
Sep 1, 1854. the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and wid-
ening Streets.

Engine

C^o. N^o. 3

The Committee on the Fire De-
partment to which was referred the communication of the Board
of Engineers recommending that Engine C^o. N^o. 3 be disbanded,
having duly considered the subject recommend the passage of
the following orders for the Committee. Geo. Odierne, Chairman.

Ordered: That Engine Company number three, (for reasons as-
signed to the Board of Engineers) be and they are hereby disbanded
and that the members thereof be paid for their services up to
the date of their discharge. Ordered: That the Engineers of the Fire
Department be and they are hereby instructed to form a new com-
pany to take the place of said N^o. 3, as soon as practicable. Read, ac-
cepted and the orders passed.

Kth Street

Sewer.

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Common Sewers be and he is hereby directed to extend the
common sewer now being constructed in Kth Street so as to drain
the estate of Samuel I. Ford situated on said Kth Street, south of
Broadway.

Drury

Blackstone

Square.

Ordered: That there be allowed &
paid to Gardner P. Drury, in behalf of the abutters on Blackstone Square,
the sum of fifty dollars towards the expense of widening Thersumut
Avenue opposite said Square, during the present season, the same
to be charged to the appropriation for Internal Health.

Internal

Health

drains.

Ordered: That all drains & sewers
heretofore laid or which shall be laid under the direction of the
Committee on Internal Health, be placed under the care of the

Superintendent of Sewers and that he be authorized to lay assess- 523
ments, and charge for entries into the same in the same manner Sep. 14 1854.
as is pursued in reference to Common Sewers laid by the City.

Ordered: That there be paid Conley
to Charles C. Conley the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars upon
his giving a receipt in full for all claims he may have against
the City of Boston for fitting up in connection with Stephen Nelson,
First and J. Streets.

Ordered: That the Superinten- Armories
dent of Public Buildings be and he is hereby directed to prepare for
this Board, the Annual Return of the Armories now used by the
Volunteer Militia stating the location and rent of each, according to
the provisions of the second section of the Act concerning Armories
for the use of the Volunteer Militia, passed April 26. 1853.

The Committee on Cemeteries, Burials
who were directed by an order of Aug. 7 to consider the expediency in City limits
of prohibiting burials within the limits of the City, reported that
the further consideration of the same be postponed till the City
can provide a burial place beyond the City limits. Read and
accepted.

On petition of Hydrant Co. No. 3. Hydrant
for an increase in the number of their members, the Committee Co. No. 3
on the Fire Department having advised with the Board of Engi-
neers, on their recommendation, report leave to withdraw. Read
and accepted.

His Honor the Mayor nomina Police
ted John T. Noyes as a member of the Police Watch. Aided on the table.

Sept. 4. 1854
Third Street
sewer.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Third Street, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Mercantile
Wharf sewer

Ordered: That the Board adopt the whole extent of the centre lines of all the streets located or provided for by an agreement between the Mercantile Wharf Corporation & Josiah Quinn dated July 3^d 1854 as the location of the sewers to be constructed by the City of Boston according to the said agreement.

Atkinson
Street.

Whereas pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twenty second day of May 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Atkinson Street, the cost of which was Three hundred and ninety eight dollars and forty eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and ninety eight dollars $\frac{76}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the same therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Orange
Lane
Vide page 671.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the thirty first day of July 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Orange Lane, the cost of which was Six hundred and sixty two dollars and forty four cents, one quarter part

whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains 585.
three hundred and ninety six dollars ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons ben- Sep. 14, 1854.
efitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that
the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being bene-
fitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed,
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their pro-
portional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is
ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid,
their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Paris
of this Board, and of the Committee, passed on the twenty fourth Street.
day of July 1854 a Common Sewer has been constructed in Paris
Street, the cost of which was Ninety three dollars and twenty six
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said
City, there remains Sixty nine dollars ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered,
that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, be-
ing benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged &
assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as
their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the
parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order Pulnam,
of this Board, passed on the 24th day of April and the 8th day of Lexington,
May 1851, public notice thereof having first been given, a Com- Brooks
mon Sewer has been constructed in Pulnam, Lexington, Brooks, Burdette
Shawuta, and Bremen Streets, the cost of which was Six thousand, Bremen St.
five hundred and twenty one dollars and sixty four cents, one Sewer.
quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City

506. there remains Forty eight hundred and ninety one dollars $\frac{23}{100}$
Ap. 4. 1854 to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.
It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule
hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they here-
by are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Kennedy
Hills & Wharf
Hills.

Ordered; That the sum of Twenty
five dollars be and the same is hereby abated from the amount as-
sessed upon Thomas Kennedy for construction of a drain to abate a
nuisance in Hills and Wharf Streets the same having been improper-
ly assessed.

Hawley

On petition of J.R. Hawley and
others that Elm Street be paved the Committee on Paving reported that
no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

House of
Correction.

Alderman Dunham called up
from the table City Document No 63 which provides for the removal of the
House of Correction from North Boston to Deer Island, but at the sug-
gestion of Alderman Allen the document was re-laid upon the table.

West Street.

Alderman Olinne, with the unan-
imous consent of the Board, moved the reconsideration of the vote
of July 31st concerning the payment of West Street which motion
having prevailed Alderman Olinne offered the following amend-
ment to said order, viz: (as recorded on page 549) at N. strike out
all after viz- and insert as follows- That the expense to the City

for said paving shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, 587.
and that an agreement to the effect that the abutters pay the balance Sep. 4. 1854.
of cost over said amount of six hundred dollars be furnished to the
Superintendent of Streets before the work is commenced. Ending the
discussion of this amendment the whole subject was laid upon
the table.

Alderman Allen having sug- Fuel for
gested to the Board, that, in view of the high prices of fuel the pres- the Poor.
ent season, the Officers of the Poor and other benevolent societies
might be unable to supply all the really destitute poor of our City
with fuel, and that it might be desirable to raise by subscription
a sum sufficient to purchase at least 1000 tons of coal and 100 cords
of wood to be distributed under the direction of a committee of this
Board, the Mayor, and Aldermen Allen and Drake were appoint-
ed a committee to carry out said suggestions and to do whatever
may be requisite and necessary in the premises.

The subject of the re-appoint- Constables.
ment of the Constables of the City was taken up, and after a short
discussion was postponed to Monday next.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the seventh day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dingley, Washburn and Otisne.

Vinton

Petition of Edward Vinton to be compensated for injuries sustained by a defect in Harrison Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred Sep. 28.

Jenkins

Petition of Joshua Jenkins for the grade of E. and Eighth streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Whiting-

Petition of Nathaniel Whiting for a grade of Pitt Street at corner of Green Street - of N. J. Thaddee for leave to close up a portion of Green Street for five days. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Allen

On petition of C. J. Allen for abatement of a nuisance caused by the New York Central Rail Road between Second Street and Broadway, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that as the subject of complaint has been attended to by the New York Central Rail Road, no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

South
Street.
City along
rail road.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was submitted an order for them to consider the expediency of widening South Street reported the following Order. Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that South Street should be

widened between Kneeland and Harvard Streets, it is therefore 589.
is Ordered, That due notice be given to the said City and Sep. 7, 1854.
Corporation that this Board intend to widen the street before men-
tioned, by taking a part of the land as aforesaid, and laying out
the same as a public street and that Monday, the Eleventh day
of September instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

On petition of Samuel As- Aspinwall
pinwall and others. Ordered: that the Superintendent of Streets Trenton N.
be authorized to grade Trenton Street to its established grade and
charge the expense thereof to the appropriation for Paving.

Ordered, That there be paid Beck.
to Lewis Beck the sum of Seventy five dollars for damages sustain-
ed by him in consequence of the change of grade in D. street, upon
his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damage,
costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and
that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving and that
the order of May 1st 1854, in reference to this same subject be and
it is hereby rescinded.

On petition of Luther Felton & Felton
others. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to G. Street.
grade G. street between Fifth and Sixth streets and that the cost
of the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

On petition of Edward Mc Holigan Mc Holigan
gan for the removal of Samuel Priest from the City's service,
the Committee on Paving reported that inasmuch as said Priest

590 is employed in the Internal Health Department, said petition should
Sept. 7. 1834 be referred to the Committee on that subject. read and accepted.

Boston A license was granted to Thomas
Shurtle. Barry to open the Boston Theatre for the evening Dramatic season.

Ordway A license was granted to John P.
Hall. Ordway to open Ordway Hall for Musical entertainments &c.

Special On motion of Alderman Allen the
Police. warrant of Albert Morgan as a Special Police Officer at Long
Island was revoked for cause, and Thomas M. Smith was
appointed to said office in his place.

Rice. Agreeably to assignment
House offal. the Board took up the subject of the mode of removal of House
Offal from the Hotels of Boston, and the several proprietors of
the Public Houses having appeared by their counsel George Foxmis-
ter were duly heard by the Board. After the admission of testi-
mony and the argument of counsel in favor of said petitioners
being specially licensed to remove their own House Offal under
such regulations as the city may direct the further consideration
of the subject was laid upon the table.

Whitely Whereas Whitely has given notice to
San. & M. the Board of his intention to erect buildings on Green & Mills Street, in the said City, and
Street. in the opinion of the Board, the health and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said
Streets should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that
due notice be given to the said Whitely that this Board intend to widen the Streets before mentioned, by
taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid and laying out the same as a public
Street, and that Monday, the seventh day of September inst at 4 o'clock Pm is assigned as the time for hearing any
objections which may be made thereto.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, Pm.

At a meeting of the Board, 591.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the twentieth day of September, Anno Domini, 1881.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Washburn.

The Superintendent of Health Ohio &
reported to the Board a schedule of assessments for the construc- Indiana
tion of a drain in Ohio and Indiana Places. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Internal Health. River

Petition of Melzar Stetson and Stetson
others for a Common Sewer in Broadway from E. Street to K. Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Henry Jones & others Jones
that the outlet of the Sumner Street Sewer be extended to low water
mark. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Josiah Quincy & Quincy
others for leave to construct Coal Holes under the sidewalk in Clin-
ton Street of Paul & McNeill for leave to construct Coal Holes Quincy & McNeill.
under the sidewalk in State Street. Referred to the Committee
on Paving with full power.

Petition of Samuel Millard Millard
and others that the gutters on Hudson Street between Beach and
Kneeland Streets may be raised; of Silas W. Babin and others that
Cutaw Street be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Babin.

No objection being made to the proposed widen- Green & Pitt
ing of Green & Pitt Streets, the subject was referred to the Committee on Streets. Street.

Sept. 11, 1854.
Smith.

Petition of Freeman Smith to be paid for damage sustained by the change of grade in Hanson Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Emerson.

Petition of Robert Emerson for a certain modification of the rules respecting the construction of Curb Holes. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Company E.
5th Artillery.

Petition of Company E. 5th Regiment Artillery for the approval of their Armory at the corner of Portland and Thavorse Streets. Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Davies

Petition of John A. Davies to be paid for injury sustained by his horse from a defect in Chauce Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 28. Came up concurred.

Bradlee.
Avery Street.

On the petition of N. J. Bradlee for leave to close up a portion of Avery Street for five days, the Committee on Paving reported that the Chief of Police grant a permit to close said street for five days on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

Wiggin.

On petition of Robert P. Wiggin to be paid for damage sustained in the "Old Road", so called, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Perham

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, leave was granted to Josiah Perham to exhibit a Panorama of North South America, at the Pavilion on the usual conditions.

Ordered: That there be paid 593

to Charles Thomas the sum of twenty five dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade in Church Street upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Sep. 11, 1854. Thomas.

J. H. Westcott was licensed to keep an Intelligence Office at N^o 191. Washington Street. Westcott. Intelligence Office.

Ordered: That the City Solicitor with such counsel as the Committee on Claims may select, and under their direction, be instructed to defend all suits which are or may be brought against the Mayor or any person acting under him or by his orders for alleged violence or trespass during the period of the threatened disturbance of the peace consequent upon the late arrest and rendition of Anthony Burns. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred. Burns. Eng. Flare.

Ordered: That the order of March 23^d 1854. instructing the Committee on the Public Library to consider the expediency of locating the Public Library building upon the Public Garden, be taken from the hands of such committee and the same be referred to a joint Special Committee of the City Council. Passed, and Aldermen Oeliorne and Dunham were appointed said Committee on the part of this branch. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred and Messrs G. W. Warren, J. A. Davis and Mullin were joined. Public Library.

On nomination by the Mayor J. V. Ayer, and Jethro H. Godwin were appointed in the Police Station. Police.

Ordered: That the sum of four-

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Quincy
Gold &
Fincell St.

ten dollars and seventy seven cents assessed upon Edward B. Hayden for his proportion of the cost of constructing the Common Sewer in Saltram Street and the same is hereby abated in consequence of his inability to pay the same.

Quincy

No person appearing to object to

Gold &

Fincell St.

the proposed construction of Common Sewers in Quincy, Gold, and Fincell Streets said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Essex

Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed carrying of the Common Sewer in Essex Street said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Armories.

Agreeably to the order of the fourth instant the Superintendent of Public Buildings presented the Board a schedule of the Armories used by the Volunteer Militia of Boston, showing the location and rent allowed to each. Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Commercial

Street.

Peoples Ferry Co.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Commercial Street should be widened opposite Scollay Street, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the Peoples Ferry Company that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the thirteenth day of September instant at four o'clock, P. M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

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ed as Dealers in Second Hand Articles provided they each pay for . 17. 11. 1834
their license the sum of 25 lbs. dollars, as by Ordinance is provided. second
viz: Iron Irons 247 Hanover. Robert Allen 346 Commercial. Amelager hand
Beaves 344 Broad. E. H. Blanchard 338 57 Federal. Swan & Dyer 181 My article.
Edmund Swan, Wharf. Williams 110. Hester 397 Commercial. James W. Scales in
Lins 94 Blackstone. Samuel Copeland 120 Blackstone. Churchill & Meade
567 Washington. John Cooper 68 Portland. W. P. Caldwell 23 Cambridge. How
Colby cor Eliot Wash. Charles & Butler 41 W. R. May. W. E. Klapp 13 Salem
G. & Chalman 3 Richmond. J. S. Cummings 36 Union. Colburn & Campbell
122 Corp. John P. Coburn 24 Shuttle. Charles Callahan 437 Commercial
John L. Cutting, Mead. John Casey Commercial. James Dinsmore 200 Han
over. Timothy Donnan Wharf. Patrick Doyle 95 Sea. Patrick Delaney
23 Sea. Patrick Early 125 Charleston. W. H. Hiron, Wharf. W. T. Tinning
185 Commercial. J. L. Ferdinand. Walter J. Geo. S. Garland 10 Salem
Wm. & Jackson, 95 Cross Street. Hill 32 Middle. Geo. S. Harris 5 Sea Street.
Hill & Timson 353 Broad. Howe & Presbey 215 Broad. H. N. Hyde 78
Cambridge. Jims. Keelwell, 22 Turnpike. W. H. Litch, London 116 Sudbury
St. & Hill 22 Salem. Hiram Knight 54 Hill. S. P. Kent 112 Haverhill
Joseph Locke 84. 86. Tullen Michael. Quouslin 132 North. J. B. Locke
263. Lawrence. Timpan Lewis 40 Middle. John L. Ireland 19 Salem
Geo. S. Miller 332 Commercial. H. J. Meserve 115 Court. Daniel M. Gar
itt, Commercial. John Mainke 393 Commercial. John McWade 217
Londicott. Bernard M. Laughlin. Commercial. Joseph Moore 3 An
dicut. Moses. Merrifield 9. 11. Sea. R. H. New & Quigley, Pinetree Hill.
John Mullen 66 Broad. R. Laughlin & Peely, London 9. Samuel Murphy
13 Wharf. Lewis. Newcomb 163. Broad. Bernard. Nugent Charleston.
Rutnam & Hiron 213 Broad. Philip Sheldon Commercial. S. S.
Shard. 64. 86 Union. James Powers 190 Sea. James. Higgin. South &

296 Washington, Ring & Mountain 187 Broad, C. M. Rogers - John Ring
11. 1854. 3 Mary George Sparrow 123 Cambridge. Robert Bell 149 Washington.
John Veilley 574 North Street 107 Park. A. T. Hunt 48 Salem.
John Howard on Gore & Huron. W. Belmont & C. Nickerson 405 Broad
Thomas Wright 92 Park. John Knollen 75. William Hornwood &
Joyce, 579. Washington. S. Border 16 & 35 Broad. John Wright, North St.
Daniel D. Welch 201 Cambridge.

Rochester
Seventh & 4th
Sts. are.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of
this Board, passed on the twenty second day of May 1854, public
notice thereof having first been given a common sewer has been
constructed in Rochester, Seventh and 4th Streets, the cost of which
was two thousand five hundred and twenty eight dollars & eighteen
cents one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the
said City, there remains eighteen hundred and ninety six dollars
13/100 to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.
It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule here-
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Dangerous
Buildings.

The Chief of Police having call-
ed the attention of the Board to the alleged dangerous character of
buildings numbered 11, on Garret Street 41 on Chichester St. and 17, 10, 18
20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 on Rochester Street, which statement was
statement was accompanied by a written opinion of several archi-
tects and builders that said buildings were unsafe, and in addi-
tion thereto the said premises having been visited by the Board:-

Alderman Dunham offered the following Resolutions and Order 397.

Whereas his Board are advised from an inspection of the premises Sept. 11. 1894.
that the buildings numbered 14, on Carver Street and 41, on Oneida
Street and the block of buildings numbered 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30
32, 34, 36, 38, on Rochester Street, are unsafe dangerous to the lives of
their occupants as well as to the public, and whereas it is necessary
in order to avoid a terrible catastrophe that some adequate remedy
should be applied forthwith, it is hereby Ordered: That the Chief
of Police be directed to notify the owners or agents of the foregoing
buildings that they must either take down or secure said buildings
forthwith, and that all proper measures be taken by the City un-
der the direction of the Committee on Internal Health, whereby any
loss of life may be prevented the same to be done at the expense of
said agents or owners. Passed.

Ordered: That the Committee on Inspector
Ordinances consider the expediency, and if expedient, to report on of Buildings,
Ordinance appointing the Superintendent of Public Buildings an
Inspector of Buildings in this City, with a view to prevent the erec-
tion of unsafe buildings and to secure the removal of all dan-
gerous buildings in this City, and to define the duties and re-
sponsibilities of such an officer. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 20.
Same up concurred.

Alderman Dunham offered West
the following order viz: Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets
be authorized to repave West Street, between Tremont and Mason
Streets, with the Nicholson pavement provided the abutters on said
street will agree to pay towards said object whatever excess of
expenditure may be required beyond the sum of six hundred
dollars, and that said agreement be deposited with the Superin-

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Sep. 11. 1854. *tendent of streets before the work is commenced. Read and after a long debate said order was rejected.*

*House of
Correction.
See record.*

*On motion of Alderman Dunham, the report and orders contemplating the relocation of the brick building at Deer Island for a House of Correction, being City Document No. 3, as recorded on page 558 & were taken from the table, and after a consideration of the same the report was accepted and the orders adopted by the following vote - *Yea*. The Mayor, Aldermen Munroe, Lingley, Dunham, Colborne, and Williams. *Nay*. Aldermen Allen and Duke. 2. Sent down for concurrence.*

*Brainerd
New York
Central
Rail Road.*

On petition of Edward H. Brainerd owner of land at South Boston over which the Boston & New York Central Rail Road Company have located and constructed their railroad, praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained by him from said location and construction of the said Boston & New York Central Rail Road, it is hereby Ordered: That the said Boston & New York Central Rail Road Company be notified to appear before this Board on Monday next the eighteenth instant at four o'clock, P.M. at which time this Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said petitioner, & will also take such other measures in the premises as are by the laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

*East Orange
New Med.*

Ordered: That so much of the order passed Sep. 27th 1852. as relates to the Superintendent of Meds furnishing edgelines and pairing gutters in East Orange Med, &c and the same is hereby rescinded. It is that the order

passed October 18th 1852, in relation to the furnishing of edgelines to 599.
the Superintendent of Streets in Green and East Exchange Streets and Sep. 11. 1854.
the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the safety & Green
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Green Street.
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to Whiting.
take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a
parcel of land belonging to A. Whiting, and which formerly was
owned by J. W. Edmunds, bounded as follows, viz: Southwestwardly
by Green Street, there measuring eighty feet; Northwestwardly by
Little Street, six feet and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the
proposed line of widening of Green Street, about seventy nine feet
and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a foot; and Southeastwardly by land of the heirs of
Francis Parkman, seven feet and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a foot; containing seven
hundred and thirty square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due
notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said
parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return
foraunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land
before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out
as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of
the said widening made by E. A. Chamberlough dated June 6th 1854,
and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.
And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said
Green Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Twenty five Hundred
dollars; which sum together with the amount of estimates of pre-
vious alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the pres-
ent municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand
dollars.

Ap. 11. 1854
 Pitts Street.
 Whiting.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Pitts Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to N. Whiting and which formerly was owned by J. M. Edmonds bounded as follows, viz: Southwardly by the line of Green Street as this day established by an order of this Board, there measuring two feet and $\frac{55}{100}$ of a foot; Northwardly by Pitts Street, sixty four feet and $\frac{70}{100}$ of a foot; Northeastwardly by the same, 2 feet; and Southeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Pitts Street, about sixty four feet and $\frac{70}{100}$ of a foot; containing one hundred and thirty eight square feet and $\frac{94}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Cheshbrough dated June 6th 1854 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Pitts Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Four hundred and twenty five Dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars.

Hudson

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair so much of the gutters in Hudson Street as he shall consider expedient and make such changes in

the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove 601.
all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dan- Sep 11. 1854
gerous; also, to close all openings into said Street which are not
secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City.

Ordered: That the officers hav- Truant
ing charge of Truant children be allowed to receive all fees to children.
which they may be entitled as witnesses in cases arising under
the Truant Laws and Ordinances, the same to be in full com-
pensation for all expenses they may incur in the discharge of their
duties. (Rescinded Sep. 25. on page 628.)

Agreeably to notice Francis B. South Street
Browningshield and Alexander Holmes, President of the Old Colony Rail Road
Rail Road, appeared and remonstrated against the proposed wid- Rail Road.
ening of South Street by taking a portion of the land of said Cor-
poration, after which the subject was laid upon the table: and it
was voted that the Board visit the premises in question tomorrow
at ten o'clock, A.M.

Alderman Dunham offered the fol- Foristall.
lowing order. Ordered: That the salary of Ezra Foristall late Super-
intendent of Health be continued and paid up to the close of the pres-
ent quarter and that said amount be charged to the appropriation
for Salaries. On the passage of said order the Yeas and Nays being
required, they were taken as follows, viz: Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen
Allen and Dunham 3 Nays Aldermen Munroe, Lingley, Drake,
Odiorne and Williams 5 So said order was rejected.

Adjourned to Tuesday (tomorrow) at ten o'clock, A.M.

Tuesday September 12. 1854. *Agenda*With
Shed.

By assignment the Board visited the Old City Jail Road Depot in South Street at ten o'clock, A.M.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Washburn, Dingley and Drake

Constables

The Board having returned to their room at City Hall - The appointment of Constables was assigned for Thursday next at ten o'clock, to which time the Board

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Fourteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dunham, Munroe, Allen and Williams

Spring

Petition of Elisha T. Spring to be paid for land taken to widen Pearl Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Roberts

Petition of Joseph D. Roberts that the City would accept the plan of certain houses erected by him on Chester Square. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. In Common Council. Read and placed on file. (vide Oct. 2, 1854.)

Nicolson

Petition of Samuel Nicolson asking leave to substitute his pavement for the pavement in Exchange

Street and West Street without cost to the City. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Sep. 14, 1854.

Petition of J. W. Gerard & others for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a Sewer in Lamson Court. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Gerard.

A communication from the Chief of Police suggesting certain improvements in Police Station No. 14 was read and laid upon the table, said subject now being in the hands of the Committee on Public Buildings.

Police

Station No. 14.

A communication from the Chief of Police respecting the inconveniences which will attend the removal of his office from the City Hall to the City Building, was read and thereupon it was voted that the Chief of Police have leave to state his grievances before the Board whereupon the Chief and his clerk stated to the Board the inconveniences which would attend his proposed removal to the City Building - and thereupon it was

Chief of Police
Office.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized and directed to remove the office of the Directors of the House of Industry &c. from the City Hall to the City Building. Sent down for concurrence. Sep 28 came up concurred.

House of
Industry &c.

The Chief of Police submitted to the Board a code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Police Department. Referred to Aldermen Durham & Williams with authority to print the same.

Police

Department
rules &c.

On the petition of Edward Mc-
 Artigan for the removal of Samuel Hunt from the employment
 of the City, the Committee on Internal Affairs reported that no fur-
 ther action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

Ohio &
 Indiana
 Places

Whereas pursuant to an Order of
 this Board, passed on the thirtieth day of June, public notice there-
 of having first been given, a common sewer has been contin-
 ued in Ohio Place, the cost of which was Six hundred and seventy
 five dollars and forty two cents to be charged to persons benefitted by
 the same, according to law; It is therefore Ordered, that the persons
 named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as
 aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the
 sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional
 part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered
 to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their
 tenants or lessees.

Constables
 number
 determined.

The subject of the appointment of
 Constables was then taken up, and it was ordered that the number
 of Constables to be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen for the year
 1854-55. shall not exceed fifty.

Constables
 conduct of

On motion of Alderman Williams
 it was unanimously Resolved: That, in the opinion of this Board,
 the practice of Constables becoming bail for prisoners in criminal cases
 (except by direction of the Court) is highly improper and detrimental
 to the cause of justice, and that if any Constable this day ap-
 pointed shall be guilty of said act (without direction from the Court,
 as aforesaid), or shall be found to be intemperate in his habits, it shall
 be considered good cause, why he should not be re-elected to his said
 office.

The following Constables were 605
 then appointed by the Board, viz: Leroy W. Clapp, Rufus R. Cook, Isaac H. H.
 A. G. Ledge, Alred G. Lawrence, William G. Liden, Maria J. Glover, Luther A. Constables
 Sam. Treachus, James, John C. Harrington, Alexander Hopkins, Edward appointed.
 J. Jones, Frederick A. Ingalls, Isaac A. Kimball, William Toring, John S.
 Lawton, John G. Wrighton, Joseph W. Wrighton, William Munroe,
 David Patterson, James Pierce, Jabez Pratt, Edwin Rice, Thomas M.
 Smith, Charles Smith, James C. Spear, Elijah A. Spoor, Oliver H. Spurr,
 Henry Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jacob C. Tallant, Samuel S. Vialle,
 William Whitwell, John Wilson, Charles H. Dennie, James Curtis,
 George S. Phillips, William Fairfield, Frederick J. Bean.

Communication from the Chief Dangerous
 of Police suggesting that the duty of examining dangerous buildings buildings.
 be placed in charge of some other officer. Referred to the Mayor.

Communication from the Board Worcester St.
 of Public Land Commissioners asking for the approval of the pro sewer.
 posed sewer in Worcester Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers
 and Drains.

Remonstrance of William H. Spear
 Spear against the proposal closing up of his cellar doorway. Referred
 to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James Harney for Harney
 permission to remove a wooden building at South Roden. Referred
 to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the eighteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Speed

Petition of Samuel Speed &
others that a sewer may be laid in N. Street, between Fifth and
Sixth Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Murray

Petition of William Murray &
others for abatement of a nuisance in neighborhood of Black-
stone Market. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Wilbor

Petition of A. G. Wilbor and others
owners of estates on Ohio and Indiana Places, that the City would
assume the custody and cost of the sewer in said premises. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Parks

Petition of Luther Parks & others
in aid of the extension of Charles Street. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Streets.

Iceland

Petition of Emerson Iceland for
leave to move a wooden building at South Boston. & Simon Blood
for leave to construct a coal hole in Gorton Street. Referred to the
Committee on Paving with full power.

Children's
Friend Society.

Petition of the Children's Friend
Society for leave to plant trees in Rutland Street. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Joseph H. Hurdles 607
and others that Oak Street be graded and paved - of Robert R. Kent and others respecting the entrances to the houses on Essex Street and requesting a proper remedy for the inconvenience of the same - of John Wise for leave to construct a cellar doorway to his house on Everett Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving Sep. 12, 1854. Hurdles. Kent. Wise.

Petition of George P. Dudley for
lumps &c. on Springton Street, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Champs. Dudley.

Petition of Harmon Fay &c &
others for the removal of the cypher and other stands around Faneuil Hall Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market. Fay.

Petition of William Palmer for a
license for the Howard Athenaeum. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Palmer.

Petition of the New England Fire
Institution Association for leave to place fire institutions in the several Police Stations Referred to the Mayor.

Communication from the Engineers
of the Fire Department suggesting that better accommodations be provided for Engine Co. No. 8. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 20. Came up concurred. Engine Co. No. 8. house.

On motion of Alderman Dunham, the petition of William Stone and Sarah Stevens to be paid for filling up the extension of West Street was taken, from the Stone & Stevens. West Street.

600. files of 1851 and referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Millard

On petition of Samuel Millard and others that the gutters on Hudson Street between Beach and Kneland Streets, be raised &c. the Committee on Paving reported that an order has already been passed to do said work. read and accepted.

Deputy
Collectors
Constables

Recommendation was received from the City Treasurer stating that in addition to James Pierce, and Remondie Hopkins he has appointed Henry Nichols, Ephraim L. East, John S. Allen, H. W. and John A. K. Taylor, as his Deputy Collectors, and requesting their appointment as Special Constables for that purpose: read and thereupon said persons were appointed as requested and their bonds were duly approved.

Intelligence
Office.

A license was granted to Susan L. East to keep an Intelligence Office at corner of Kneland and Tyler Streets.

Spear

On the remonstrance of William H. Spear against the proposed closing of his altar doorway, the Committee on Paving reported that the Remonstrant have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Hahn

On petition of Elias B. Hahn and others for the grading of Sutter Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Revere

Ordered: That there be paid to George Revere the sum of Twenty Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of grade of Church and South Cedar Streets

upon his paying his bill to his estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said changes of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Sep 18, 1854.

Ordered, That there be paid to George Keene the sum of Twenty Dollars for damages occasioned by the City to his drain in South Cedar Street and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Internal Health. Revere.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to set edgelines and pave the gutters in B. Street from Third to Seventh Street, the expense of the edgelines to be borne by the abutter on said Street. Resolved that the order passed Aug. 29th 1853 in relation to the paving of gutters &c. in said Street be and the same hereby is rescinded. B. Street.

The Mayor to whom was referred the communication of the Chief of Police respecting the inspection of dangerous buildings, respectfully reports that it is expedient, until the Ordinance shall be passed regulating this subject, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings take cognizance of all cases of defective and unsafe buildings. Read and accepted. Dangerous Buildings Inspector

Ordered: That Aldermen Williams & Dingley be a Committee to investigate and report who is entitled to the reward offered by this Board for the apprehension of the person who assaulted W. H. Dana Esq. during a evening in June last. Dana

Feb. 12. 1854. No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Commercial Street opposite the depot. The said subject was re-committed to the Committee on Streets with full power.

The bonds of the following Constables were approved by the Board viz: M^r Bean, Isaac F. Ackledge, Seratus Clapp, Rufus B. Cook, James Curtis, Albert G. Dawes, Charles H. Jennie W^m Fairfield, Elisha T. Glover, John G. Harrington, Alexander Hopkins, Jacobus Holmes, T. D. Ingalls, Isaac B. Kimball, Joseph W. Lighten, John T. Lawton W^m Munroe, David Patterson, George L. Phillips, James Pierce, Edwin Rice, Oliver H. Spurr, Thos. M. Smith, Charles Smith, Elijah T. Spry, James C. Spear, Jacob C. Talant, W^m Thudwell, John Wilson. The bond of Jabez Hall, offered for approval was laid upon the table.

West

Street.

On motion of Alderman Williams the orders respecting the paving of West Street with the Nicolson pavement, were taken from the table, and the question being upon the passage of the amendment offered by Alderman Odiorne, Alderman Williams offered the following order as a substitute for the former orders to viz: Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have West Street from Mason Street to Tremont Street repaved with Nicolson's wooden pavement, provided the work is done under his direction and supervision, and at a cost of four hundred dollars, exclusive of the expense of the removal of the granite blocks and stones which now compose the pavement on the street, the said materials to be removed for the City's use. Read and adopted.

Nicolson

Exchange Street

On petition of Samuel Nicolson

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have

Exchange. Street repaved with Nicol's wooden pavement, provided 611.
the work is done under his direction and supervision and without cost 2p. 18. 1854.
to the City excepting the expense of removing the paving stones now
composing the pavement on the street which are to be removed for the
City's use.

Leave was granted to the Mass. Char. Ass.
Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association to hold their Ann-
nual Festival in Faneuil Hall on the 11th of October upon the usual
conditions. Faneuil Hall.

On petition of Philip Maguire Maguire.
for abatement of an assessment for construction of a drain in Sil-
ver Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported leave to with-
draw. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the reports of the National
Committee on Armories, the Armories of the National Guard, & Guard-
of Company C 5th Artillery, were approved by the Board, the same Company C.
being located in Portland Street.

On nomination by the Mayor Police.
George A. Kilburn and Moses P. Moulton were appointed Special Undertaker.
Police Officers at Charlestown Bridge and John Wade was appoint-
ed a Funeral Undertaker.

Alderman Dingley having Mount
declined serving upon the special committee appointed Al. 2; Washington
on the subject of the Mount Washington Avenue, Alderman Eli-
more was appointed in his stead. Avenue.

The Special Committee of Police Dep't
his Board to whom was referred the Rules & Regulations sub- Rules & Reg-
mitted by the Chief of Police for the government of said Depart-
ment, reported that they had examined the same and that they

612. ought to be adopted. Read and accepted and said rules and
Sep. 18, 1854. regulations were adopted accordingly (See as on file.)

Clinton
Street.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the streets lately laid out in continuation of Clinton Street and parallel to Commercial Street in said City should be widened it is therefore hereby Ordered That due notice be given to the Mercantile Wharf Corporation, and all parties interested, that this Board intend to widen the streets before mentioned, by taking a part of the land adjacent thereto, and laying out the same as public streets, and that Monday the twenty fifth day of September instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Clinton
Street.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a part of the street lately laid out parallel to Commercial Street in the said City should be discontinued, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the Mercantile Wharf Corporation, and all parties interested, that this Board intend to discontinue a part of the street before mentioned, as a public street, and that Monday the twenty fifth day of September instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Brainerd
New York
Central
Rail Road.

Upon the petition of Edward H. Brainerd of Boston, praying this Board to estimate the damages occasioned to him by the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company by the taking of his land and by the laying out making and maintaining their Railroad over and upon

said land, as in said petition particularly set forth and ask to 613
require said Railroad Company to give security for the payment Sep. 18. 1854.
of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded by this Board
or by a jury for the land and damages aforesaid, it now appearing
that the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Company
have been duly notified of the pendency of said petition, it is ordered:
That the damages occasioned to said petitioners by the said Boston and
New York Central Railroad Company be estimated at the sum of
one dollar: and that the said Boston and New York Central
Railroad Company do give security to the satisfaction of this Board
for the payment of all such damages and costs as have been award-
ed by this Board or as shall be awarded by a jury for the land or
other property taken as aforesaid agreeably to the Statutes in that case
made and provided.

Ordered: That the Superintendent Paine.
ent. of Internal Health be and he is hereby directed to remove the
coarses dirt and filth from the premises of Timothy Paine N. 15.
South May Street, and to charge the expense thereof to said Paine,
he having neglected to abate such nuisance, though duly notified
so to do.

The Committee on Public Buildings City Hall
ings who were requested by an order of the City Council to examine Sinks
the Iron Sinks in City Hall with reference to their safety against fire,
have attended to that duty and Report: That the Sinks appear to be
good and sufficient for the purposes for which they were designed. The
Committee are therefore of opinion that no further action is necessary
in relation thereto. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Read and
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the sum of Forty

Sep. 10. 1834 nine dollars and sixty two cents apaid upon libaries libeing for
 and this constructing a Common Sewer in I. and First Streets be, and the
 Streets same is hereby abated, and that the same amount be, and the
 Street in same is hereby apaid as follows, upon A. H. Wildes the sum of thirty
 seven dollars and twenty two cents, and upon George Lennis the sum
 of twelve dollars and forty cents.

Commercial

That
 Peoples Ferry.

Resolved, That the safety and
 convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Commercial
 Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take,
 and lay out as a public street or way of the said City a parcel of
 land belonging to the Peoples Ferry Company bounded as follows, viz:
 Northwardly by land of Joseph W. Revere, three measuring eleven
 feet; Westwardly by Commercial Street, one hundred and fourteen
 feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southwardly by the southerly line of land of
 the said Company, twelve feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Eastwardly by the
 proposed line of widening of the said Street, eighty seven feet &
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a foot; and Northeastwardly by the same, thirty feet and $\frac{1}{2}$
 of a foot; containing eighteen hundred and ten square feet, more
 or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention
 of this Board to take the said parcel of land, for the purpose aforesaid,
 as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore
 Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the
 same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of
 the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by
 E. A. Chestrough dated September 10th 1834. and deposited in the office
 of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge
 that the expense of widening the said Commercial Street, as aforesaid,
 will amount to nine thousand dollars: which sum together

with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of Five thousand dollars. Sent down for concurrence. 615
Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Friday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty second day of September, Anno Domini, 1854
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Washburn.

Petition of the Richmond Street Church for a Gas Lamp in said street. Referred to the Committee on Gas. Richmond St. Church.

Petition of H. H. Hunnewell for a change in the conditions of a deed of land from the city to him. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Hunnewell
Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Petition of W. K. Dempster for

Sept. 2, 1854. leave to give concert at Union Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

First, K. and

The Superintendent of Sewers pre-

Third Streets

sented to the Board a schedule of assessments for the construction of a sewer in First, K. and Third Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Dixon

Petition of Mary B. Dixon for abate-

ment of an assessment for construction of a common sewer in Walnut Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Constable's

The Bonds of Samuel S. Halle,

Bonds

Henry Meyer, William Fering, John C. Highten were approved by the Board. On motion of Alderman Williams the Bond of Jabez Pratt was taken from the table and approved by the Board.

City Guards

The Committee on Armories to

whom was referred the petition of the City Guards for approval of their Armory 280 Washington Street, reported in favor of the approval of the same. Read and accepted.

N. E. Rice

The Mayor, to whom was referred

Annihilators

the petition of the New England Fire Annihilator Association for leave to place Fire Annihilators in the Police Stations, reported in favor of allowing the petitioners to place a Fire Annihilator in each of the Police Stations at the sole expense of the company. Read and accepted.

Howard

License was granted to William Palmer

Athenaeum

to open the Howard Athenaeum for the present Dramatic Season.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets in repairing the part of North Market Street next to Commercial Street, cause several wooden posts standing on the sidewalk on said North Market Street to be removed. 617.
Apr. 2. 1851.
North Market Street.

Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be instructed to report upon the expediency of laying out Greenough Lane as a public highway. Greenough Lane.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses Samuel Whitwell was appointed an Auctioneer. Auctioneer.

On petition of Charles Francis Adams for abatement of an assessment for the construction of a sewer in Eaton and Chambers Streets, the Committee on Taxes reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Adams

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Cambridge Street should be extended from its westerly end it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the Hancock Tree Bridge Corporation that this Board intend to extend the street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land adjacent and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the twenty fifth day of September instant, at four o'clock P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. Cambridge Street.
Hancock Tree Bridge

Ordered: That there be paid to William Carlton the sum of Two hundred and seventy five dollars Carlton.

for land taken to widen Church Street upon his giving to the City a Bond for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets

East & Love

Streets

Ryan & Gault

The Board being satisfied, from a personal inspection of the premises that the houses in East & Love Streets owned by Ryan & Gault, are, from their overcrowded and filthy condition, dangerous to the public health, therefore ordered: That the Superintendent of Internal Health be and he is hereby directed to cause said buildings to be vacated forthwith, under the direction of the Committee on Internal Health, and the premises cleansed and purified to the satisfaction of the said Committee, and at the expense of said owners.

House Fund

the School

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Buildings with the consent and direction of the Committee on Public Buildings furnish to the Trustees of the House School Fund such room in any of the buildings belonging to the City in Ward 12, as may be necessary for said Trustees to use for the Evening School the expense for lighting, warming and taking care of said rooms to be paid by the City and all other expenses to be paid by said Trustees. Sent down for concurrence. October 5. Came up concurred.

Lenox

Street.

Ordered: That a Common Sewer be laid in Lenox Street, and that due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday Oct. 2^d at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive

any benefit thereby: by persons making objections thereof will
then and there be heard.

19.
Sep. 22. 1854.

On petition of James Cheever
and others for a hearing on the subject of the continuance of
Terry Street, the Committee on Streets reported, that having heard
the parties and examined the premises, they report that the mea-
sure proposed is inexpedient. Read and accepted.

On nomination by the Mayor Constables.
the following persons were appointed Constables, viz: Elias Carlton,
Luther Hutchins, Harum Merrill, Henry C. Hullon, William Blais-
dell, Daniel B. Curtis, Edward D. Carpenter, James P. Rice.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the Twenty fifth day of September, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of E. G. Gales for ap-
pointment to convey prisoners from the several Station houses to
the jail. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Gales

Petition of J. G. W. Pike for leave to exhibit a Panorama of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky at Lyceum Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses with full power

Sears

Petition of John Sears for leave to exhibit some natural curiosities for one year in Boston from Oct. 1 1854. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Wyman
Clinton Street

Petition of Charles Wyman and others for the widening of Clinton Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Yeaton & Co.

Petition of Yeaton and Kilham and others in aid of the petition of Harrison Key and others for removal of certain stands near Faneuil Hall Market - and a remonstrance of Isaac Rich & Co. and others against the prayer of the petition of H. Key & Co. and others. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Market
Stands.

Petition of Boynton & Woodford & others that J. G. Hunt may be permitted to retain his stand near F. H. Market of H. C. Hamilton and others that Hiram Hunt may be permitted to retain his stand near F. H. Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Hatfield

Petition of John Hatfield for a license to deal in Second Hand Articles. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Way

Petition of Samuel A. Way and others that Chaumal Avenue and Arnold Street may be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Quins to whom was referred the vote of the Board of Public
 and Commissioners having in view the relaying of the com-
 mon sewer in Worcester street would recommend the appeal
 of the vote of said Board passed Sep 12, 1854, which is as follows:
 Ordered: That the President be instructed to inform the Board of
 Mayor and Aldermen, that it is proposed to relay the sewer,
 through the westerly end of Worcester Street, so as to drain the
 lots on said street into the sewer in Tremont Street, and re-
 quest their sanction therefor. Read and accepted.

Petition of Samuel R. Spinney Spinney

that the gutters be paved at corner of Eighth and E. Streets of
 H. H. Hatch and others that holes that may be upward. Re-
 ferred to the Committee on Paving. Hatch.

Whereas it appears to this Board Walltham

that a nuisance exists on land belonging to Hiram Johnson,
 J. D. Turnworth, Paul D. Wallis, L. J. Timmons, F. B. Hayes, L. W.
 Williams, Geo. Bates, and the heirs of said lot, caused by filthy &
 stagnant water, at and near the corner of Walltham and Wash-
 ington Streets and whereas it appears that said parties, though
 duly notified, have neglected to abate the same therefore Ordered:
 That the Superintendent of Health be and he is hereby directed
 to cause said nuisance to be abated by filling up said premises
 with good coarse gravel or earth at the expense of the said sev-
 eral parties, or otherwise draining the same. cor. Washington.

Whereas it appears to this Board Walltham St.

that a nuisance caused by stagnant and filthy water exists on cor. Tremont.

622 premises owned by Isaac D. Farnsworth and John P. Ober on
Sept. 2, 1851. William Hall at corner of Fremont Street and whereas said
parties though duly notified have neglected to abate said nuisance.
therefore Ordained: That the Superintendent of Health be and he
is hereby directed to fill up said premises with good coarse gravel
or earth to abate said nuisance at the expense of the said
parties, or otherwise draining the same.

Sanford- Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance caused by an obstructed drain on
premises of Samuel Sanford in N. 40. Carver Street has not been
abated by him, though he has been duly notified thereof, it is
hereby Ordained: That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is
hereby directed to cause all obstructions to be removed from said
drain, and the said drain to be repaired if necessary, at the ex-
pense of the said Sanford.

Fire The Committee on the Fire De-
partment to which was referred the consideration of the subject
of a revision of the Fire Ordinance, having given the same
careful attention, would respectfully Report: 1st That Sect. 23 of
the Ordinance passed June 2, 1851, be repealed. 2^d That Sect. 25
be so amended as to read "No company shall leave the City,
in case of fire in the neighboring town, excepting by the express
order of the Chief Engineer or one of the Assistant Engineers; and
no company which may leave on an excursion shall be allow-
ed to take their engine or other apparatus with them. 3^d That
Sect. 26 be so amended as to read: "The lower story only of the
engine hydrant, and hook and ladder houses shall be appropria-
ted to the use of the department, but suitable rooms for the holding
of meetings for the necessary purposes of the companies shall be pro-

vided by the City; and no furniture or decorations shall be at- 025.
tached, except such as is furnished by the City." All of which is Sep. 25, 1854.
respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Geo. Colburn, Chairman.
Read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down
for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up non-concurred

The Committee on Internal Wooden
Health to whom was referred the communication of theengi- buildings.
neers of the Fire Department concerning the character of the
wooden buildings on Commercial and Endicott Streets, having
attended to said buildings, report, that no further action is re-
quired thereon. Read and accepted.

On petition of George Rogers Rogers.
for abatement of a portion for construction of a drain in
Newton Place, the Committee on Internal Health reported
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

No person appearing to object Cambridge
to the proposed extension of Cambridge Street to the Hancock Street.
Bridge, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets
with full power.

No person appearing to object Clinton
to the proposed widening of a portion of Clinton Street, or to the proposed Street.
discontinuance of a portion of the same Street, said subjects were re-
ferred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

On petition of Isaac Hall for Hall.
leave to erect a Steam Engine at South Boston the Committee on
Steam Engines &c. reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.
Read and accepted.

On motion of Alderman Ding-
 25 Nov. by the report of the Committee on Streets declaring it to be inexpedient
 to widen Howard Street from Summer to Milk Streets, was
 taken from the table, and was accepted by the Board.

Constables

and

The Bonds of William Beinecke,
 Daniel A. Curtis, William L. Eaton, Luther Gulchins, Abram Merrill,
 and Henry C. Stratton were approved by the Board.

Constables

On nomination by the Mayor,
 William Butler, George J. Carter, Benjamin Heath, and Charles J.
 Merrill were appointed Constables.

Special

Police

On nomination by the Mayor,
 Thomas Sheddkins was appointed a Special Police Officer at Geo.
 on his Street and John L. Ingersoll a Special Police Officer for the
 American Hall, and also the Alhambra Hall.

Union

Street

Ordered: That Aldermen Dunham,
 Munroe, and Odierne be a Committee to settle the amount of dam-
 ages with the owners of the buildings and land taken by the City
 Council to widen Union Street at the corner of Hanover Street, with
 power to adjust the same by referees or otherwise.

Sanatic

Hospital

area

The Special Committee of this Board
 to which was referred the order in relation to the erection of a new
 asylum for the insane, recommend the reference of the whole sub-
 ject to a Joint Special Committee of the City Council. For the Committee
 Geo. Odierne Chairman. Read and accepted, and Aldermen Odierne,
 Dunham and Williams were appointed in the past of this branch. And

drawn for concurrence. Sep. 20. Came up concurred and Messrs. Sum- 626
mer, Drew, Jones, Conley and Clark were joined.

Sep. 25, 1854.

Ordered: That Aldermen Will- East Boston
iams and Quirk with such as the Common Council may join be School House.
a committee to investigate and report upon the subject of the
purchase of the ~~purchase~~ of the land and the signing of the
contract for the building of a Grammar School House at East
Boston. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred and
Messrs. Atkins, Drew, and Woodman were joined.

Ordered: That the Committee on Sea Street.
laying out and widening Streets be and they are hereby instruct-
ed to consider and report upon the expediency of widening Sea Street
between Summer and East Streets.

Ordered: That the Committee Cholera
on Internal Health cause the buildings erected by them on the Hospital.
Still to be sold at Public Auction, and to be removed within thirty
days after sale. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up con-
curred.

Communication from the Committee Appropriations
on Public Buildings asking for additional appropriations for School Houses
the East and South Boston Grammar School Houses, being City
Document A-679 was read and referred to the Committee on Fi-
nance. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Petition of E. & H. O. Briggs for leave Briggs
to purchase land and flats of the city at South Boston, whereon to
construct a Ship Yard. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands

with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 20. Came up
Sep. 25 1854. concurred.

Nuisances.

The Committee on Internal Health
to whom was referred the communication of the Chief of Police
respecting nuisances and sources of filth in the City reported, that
having attended to said matters no further action is required
thereon. Read and accepted.

Prisoners

Ordered: That the Committee on
conveyance of Internal Health be and they are hereby instructed to examine
into the present mode of conveying prisoners to the Suffolk Jail from
the Station Houses &c. and to report some mode by which such con-
veyances can be made more comfortably to the prisoners and less
expensively to the City than is now done.

First N. &
Third Street
Sewer.

Whereas pursuant to Orders
of this Board, passed on the Seventh day of August and the
fourth day of September 1854, a Common Sewer has been construc-
ted in First N. and Third Streets, the cost of which was thirty one
hundred and thirty six dollars and eighty three cents, one quar-
ter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there
remains Twenty three hundred and fifty two dollars $\frac{63}{100}$ to be
charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It
is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule here-
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their re-
spective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Committee on laying 627

out and widening Streets, to whom was referred the orders relative to Hawley Street, and directing them to ascertain at what price "a strip of land, known by the name of the 'Hatt Estate', on Hawley Street, between Summer and Hardin Streets, can be purchased, for the purpose of widening Hawley Street, and to report the same with a plan of the premises to this Board, having attended to the matter, respectfully report: that a strip of the land of the Hatt Estate so as to make Hawley Street forty feet wide at that place, can be bought at eight dollars per foot, that the quantity of land belonging to the Hatt Estate which it will be necessary to purchase, is estimated (as per plan) at forty six hundred feet; that if the widening should be extended to the remainder of Hawley Street, it is estimated it will be necessary to take of John Bryant's land twenty one hundred and forty feet; of Thomas Wigglesworth's land twenty four hundred and sixty feet; of S. Chubbourn's land five hundred and ninety feet; of Theodore Bartlett thirty six feet; and on the North side of Hawley Street, it will be necessary to take land as follows; to wit. of S. Mantua Sargent seventy five feet; of the Heirs of Francis Emory, six hundred feet; of Wentworth & Chandler, one hundred and thirty five feet; of Thomas Goddard, three thousand and eighty feet. And the Committee herewith report a plan of Hawley Street. All of which is respectfully submitted. John A. Dingley, Chairman of the Committee. Read and laid upon the table.

Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening Streets be instructed to confer with the Resident and Directors of the Old Colony and Fall River Rail Road, with power to make some arrangement which shall

South Street
sidewalk.

to satisfactory to the City respecting the width and the occupancy of the sidewalk on South Street adjacent to their Station, from Kneeland to Harvard Streets - and to report to this Board the result of said conference.

Tenant

Officers.

Ordered: That the officers having charge of Tenant Children be allowed to receive all fees to which they may be entitled in cases arising under the Tenant Laws and Ordinances, the same to be in full compensation for all expenses they may incur in the discharge of their duties, and that the order passed Sept. 11, 1854, be and it is hereby rescinded.

Slack.

Ordered: That an amount equal to the usual salary of the office of the Secretary of the Joint Standing and Special Committees be paid to Charles W. Slack for his past and future services in said capacity, until otherwise ordered by the City Council, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Milford

Street.

Ordered: That the Board accept and adopt the grade of Milford Street, proposed by the City Engineer; the said grade being shown on a profile of the said street, by the said Engineer, dated September 25th 1854, and deposited in the office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Free Schools

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of making provision by Ordinance, whereby the use of any rooms in the Public Buildings belonging to the City may be furnished under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the use

of Free Evening and Day Schools the expenses of lighting, warm 029.
ing and care of said rooms to be defrayed by the City and Sep. 25. 1834.
all other expenses to be borne by the trustees or managers of said
Schools. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred.

Resolved, That the safety and Clinton
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Clinton Street
Street, as recently extended, should be widened, and for that pur- Mercantile
pose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way Wharf
of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to the Mercantile Corporation.
Wharf Corporation bounded as follows, viz: Southwardly by Clinton
Street as lately extended, there measuring one hundred and
thirty one feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; Northwardly by Commer-
cial Street, thirteen feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; Northwardly by land
of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation, one hundred and thirty one
and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; and Southeastwardly by a street sixty six
feet wide lately laid out parallel to Commercial Street, thir-
teen feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; containing thirteen hundred and four-
teen square feet, and $\frac{1}{10}$ of a square foot, more or less; being a
strip ten feet wide on the northerly side of the extension of
Clinton Street lately laid out, and extending from Commer-
cial Street to the said street sixty six feet wide. And Whereas,
due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take
the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by
the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the
parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken
and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - ac-
cording to a plan of the said widening made by A. S. Chisholm
dated September 25th 1834 and deposited in the office of the said

Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the
 Sep. 25. 1854. expense of widening the said Clinton Street, as aforesaid, will amount
 to five thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of es-
 timates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during
 the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thou-
 sand dollars

Clinton Street
 new street

Resolved, That the safety and con-
 venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that the new
 street recently laid out parallel to Commercial Street should be
 widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out
 as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belong-
 ing to the Mercantile Wharf Corporation bounded as follows,
 viz: Northwestwardly by the southeasterly line of the said street
 sixty six feet wide, as lately established, there measuring four hun-
 dred and fifty feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Northwardly by the south-
 westerly line of the Eastern Dock Pier, or canal; two feet and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of
 the said street, four hundred and forty eight feet and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a
 foot; and Southwardly by Clinton Street as lately extended, three
 feet and $\frac{2}{3}$ of a foot; containing eleven hundred and twenty
 three square feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a square foot, more or less; being a
 strip two and a half feet wide on the southeasterly side of the
 said street sixty six feet wide. And Whereas, due notice has
 been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel
 of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereon
 to annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before
 described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a
 public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said
 widening made by C. S. Chetrough dated September 25th 1854 and

deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And 631.
this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Sep. 25. 1854.
street as aforesaid, will amount to nothing: which together with
the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed
the sum of five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the safety Clinton
and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that a Street.
part of the new street recently laid out parallel to Commercial discontinuance
should be discontinued and for that purpose it is necessary to dis-
continue as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of
land bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the northwesterly
line of the said street sixty six feet wide as lately established, then
measuring five hundred and ten feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Northeast-
wardly by the northwesterly line of the Eastern Ticket Pier so called
two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southwardly by the proposed line of
discontinuance, five hundred and eight feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, and
Southwardly by a line parallel to, and distant fifty feet north-
wardly from, the southerly line of Clinton Street as lately extended,
three feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, containing twelve hundred and twenty
three square feet more or less; being a strip two and a half feet
wide of the said street sixty six feet wide, and on the northwesterly
side thereof. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention
of this Board to discontinue the said parcel of land for the pur-
pose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is
therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and
the same hereby is, discontinued as a public street or way of the
said City according to a plan of the said discontinuance made
by E. S. Chestrough dated September 25th 1854. and deposited in the

1832. 1834. of the said Mayor and Aldermen. but this Board doth ad-
judge that the expense of discontinuing the said part of the said
that as aforesaid will amount to nothing: which together with
the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuance
in said Street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed
the sum of five thousand dollars.

Cambridge

Street

Resolved, That the safety and
convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Cambridge
Street should be extended and for that purpose it is necessary to take,
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel
of land belonging to the Hancock Tree Bridge Corporation bounded
as follows, viz: northwardly by land of Joseph Coolidge, there measuring
sixty nine feet; Westwardly by the new abutment of West Boston
Bridge, (the same being understood to be built on the Harbor Line
established by an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, passed
March 17th 1840,) fifty feet and 10 of a foot; Northwardly by land of
the City of Boston, sixty five feet; and Eastwardly by that part of
Cambridge Street which was accepted and laid out as a public
street by a Resolve of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed
October 20th 1836, fifty feet; containing thirty three hundred and fifty
square feet, more or less; the northerly and southerly lines of the
said parcel being the northerly and southerly lines of the present
westerly portion of Cambridge Street, extended westwardly. and where-
as, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to
take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears
by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the
parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken
and laid out as a public street or way of the said City accord-
ing to a plan of the said extension made by E. L. Ingham dated

Sept. 25th 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and 633.
Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of extending the said Cambridge Street, as aforesaid, will amount to nothing: which together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Aldermen Dunham & Munroe. Charlestown.

were appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes given in the several Wards this day upon the question of the annexation of Charlestown, and to report thereon on Wednesday next at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A.M. to which hour the Board

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the Twenty seventh day of September, A.D. 1854.
Present.

The Mayor, and Aldermen Munroe, Dunham, Williams & Colburn.

The Bonds of William Calder, Elias Carlsten, C. Judson Merrill, and James P. Rice as Constables were approved by the Board.

Communication from St. Matthews Church respecting the assessment laid for construction of sidewalk in front of their edifice. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ap. 27, 1834. for leave to move a wooden building from Henden to Haver Street.
 Wakefield. Referred to the Committee on having with full power.

Concord
 Springfield
 Street.

Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening Streets consider and report upon the expediency of extending the passageway in rear of Springfield Street, near Worcester Street, through land of Pellick Concord.

Lexington
 Street.

Ordered: That the sum of forty dollars and seventy eight cents assessed upon Prescott and Cross for constructing the Common Sewer in Lexington Street, be and the same is hereby abated, and said amount is hereby apportioned upon Sanford M. Lombard; &c. Ordered: That the sum of ten dollars and nineteen cents be, and the same is hereby deducted from the amount assessed upon John W. Bagden, and that said amount be, and the same is hereby assessed upon Lewis Rice.

Williams-
 Broadway.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer abate from the amount assessed against Samuel Leeds agent for Miss M. F. Williams for sidewalks and edgework on Broadway, the sum of twenty five dollars and twelve cents, provided, the said Williams gives the City the deed of a certain parcel of land situated at the junction of Broadway and the "Old Road," so called.

Charlestown.
 annexation
 voters in

The Committee, appointed to examine the returns of votes cast in the several wards of the City on Monday last, upon the acceptance of the Act of the Legislature passed April 24, 1834, entitled "An Act for the annexation

tion of Charlestown to Boston", having attended to that duty Re- 635.
port. That the returns are properly made, and the votes cor-
rectly entered in the book kept for that purpose, from which it ap-
pears that the sum was as follows: Voted, Three thousand three
hundred and thirty three. Aye. Fifteen hundred and thirty three.
which Gunham, Jr. & B. Munroe. committee. Read accepted and
the result was ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Com-
monwealth and the Mayor of Charlestown.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at
City Hall on Friday the twenty ninth day of September, A.D. 1854.
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Singey
and Munroe.

The Joint Special Committee County Court House
to whom was referred an order of the City Council of June 12, 1854,
directing them to consider, and report if any building belonging to
the City, or County can be sold to the United States for the purposes
of a Court House, and to confer with the United States Marshal, and
other persons with relation to the same, Report as follows: That in
the opinion of the Committee it is for the interest of the City to sell
to the United States Government the Court House in Court Square,
with the reservation of its use, as now occupied by the State, Coun-

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1854. ly, and City Court for a period not exceeding two years, from the
date of the sale providing, that said Building can be sold at a
price which the Committee may consider for the interest of the
City to accept. Your Committee are fully impressed with the be-
lief that this Building will accommodate the United States Gov-
ernment both as a Court House, and as a Post Office better than
any other that can be obtained at the present time, and that a
fair remunerating price for the said Building, can be procured
from said Government. And your Committee respectfully rec-
ommend the passage of the following order, for the Committee,
Thornham Hummer. Ordered: That the Joint Special Commit-
tee to whom was referred the order of the City Council of June 12,
1854, directing them to "consider, and report if any Building belong-
ing to the City, or County can be sold to the United States for the pur-
pose of a Court House, and to confer with the United States Mar-
shal, and other persons with relation to the same," be, and said
Committee is hereby authorized, and empowered to negotiate a sale
of the Court House on Court Square to the United States Government
at such price as said Committee may deem for the interest of the
City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 637

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, hold at City Hall
on Monday the Second day of October, Anno Domini, 1854

Record.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of John Trull and Trull

A. M. Bowman to be paid for damages occasioned by cutting off their
land on Adams and Green Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Almon Humphrey Humphrey

and others for leave to occupy a stand in South Market Street. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Petition of Nason & Cleveland Nason

for leave to move a wooden building on Liverpool Street of Sidney
B. Fahn for leave to move a wooden building on Chelsea Street.

Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Geo. C. Beckwith & Beckwith

others that Beach Street may be re-numbered of Morris Gate and
others that the gutters in Shendon Street may be paved of Thomas Richardson.

Richardson for leave to change the sidewalks in front of his estate in Broad and New Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewerage.

Petition of Sylvester Trull Trull

and others that Arnold Street be lighted with gas. Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Petition of Charles J. Fox Fox

for the conveyance to him of certain lots of land on Tremont
and Hanson Streets. Referred to the Committee on Public

630. Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Oct^r 5. Came up concurred.

October 2. 1854.

Dudley.

Petition of E. G. Dudley for leave to change certain conditions in deeds of land from the City to him. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Engine N^o 13.

have for

Petition of the Engineers of the Fire Department, that an Engine House be built for Engine N^o 13. at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Vattemare

Communication from Alexander Vattemare transmitting certain French Books for the Public Library. Read and sent to the Trustees of the Public Library.

Raymond

Petition of Emmons Raymond and others, occupants of Stores under Faneuil Hall for renewal of their leases. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Oct^r 5. Came up concurred.

Sears

Leave was granted to John Sears to exhibit natural curiosities in this City for one year.

Second hand

articles.

John Hatfield was licensed as a dealer in Second hand articles, on the usual conditions.

Marsh.

West Street.

Whereas Robert Marsh has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on West Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the sup-

ly and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street 639.
should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is Oct. 2, 1854
therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said
Robert Marsh that this Board intend to widen the street before men-
tioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon
as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and
that Monday, the ninth day of October instant at four o'clock,
Pm, is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which
may be made thereto.

The Committee on laying out and widening streets to whom was referred the order of April 26. respecting the title of the City to the southerly end of Grove Street.
having examined into said subject and having obtained the
opinion of the City Solicitor as to said title, report that the title of
the City is good from Myrtle Street to a line seventy two feet and
two and three quarter inches from the northerly line of Hickory Street,
and they submit the opinion beforementioned, and the following or-
der for the removal of obstructions. Wm. T. Lingley, Chairman. Ordered,
That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed and empowered
forthwith to enter upon Grove Street and cause all erections and
obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Grove
Street to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or
to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be
vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on
laying out and widening streets. Read, accepted and the order
passed.

On petition of Samuel Leeds - Leeds.
Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Mon- 7. Street.
day next at four o'clock, Pm, take into consideration the expediency

640 of constructing a common sewer in J. Street near Fifth Street, and
resolving that no person shall be liable for any such sewer, or who by any more
remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: any person
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Shemont

Street

The Committee on laying out and
widening streets to whom was referred the order respecting the wid-
ening of Shemont Street, from Boylston Street to the Rail Road
track, having considered the same, reported, that it will require
a large expenditure to widen Shemont Street so as to make the
same eighty feet wide they therefore recommend that the subject
be referred to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and
laid on the table.

North Charles

Street.

The Committee on laying out and
widening streets to whom was referred the order of April 3, 1854. re-
specting the continuation of North Charles Street, and the several
petitions in aid of said subject, having prepared a plan of the
proposed extension submit the same herewith, and report that in-
asmuch as it will be necessary to lay out a portion of the proposed
street over tide water, some legislative action will be required thereon
and they therefore refer the same to the next Board of Mayor &
Aldermen for their favorable consideration. Read and laid on the
table.

Children's

Friend Society

On petition of Children's Friend Society
for leave to plant trees in Noddland Street, the Committee on Petitions
reported that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Robert R. 641.

Kent and others concerning the entrances to the houses on Union Street, and requesting a proper remedy for the inconvenience of the same, the Committee on Paving report that the subject be referred to a Special Committee, as the Committee on Paving have decided that the entrances should not project any further into the street than they do at present. Read and accepted, and Aldermen Dingley, Allen and Drake were appointed said Special Committee. October 2, 1854. Kent Union Street.

On petition of Samuel R. Spinney Spinney

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutter corner of Eighth and N. Streets, the edgestones to be furnished by the abuttors. Eighth Street.

On petition of Isaac Parker for Parker

grading and paving gutters on Shawmut Avenue and Tulland Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no action is necessary at the present time. Read and accepted.

On petition of H. H. Leach and Leach

others that Groton Street may be repaved, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to pave the street at the present time. Read and accepted. Groton Street.

On petition of R. P. Devoreux and Devoreux

others for a change of grade in Endicott Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no action thereon is necessary. Read & accepted.

On petition of John Wise for leave Wise.

to construct a cellar doorway to his house in Everett Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

No person appearing to object to
Oct. 2. 1854 the construction of a sewer in Lenox Street said subject was refer-
red to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Huntress
Oak Street.

On petition of Joseph F. Huntress
and others Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be author-
ized to repave the gutters and reset the edgestones in Oak Street
between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street.

Constables

Bonds

The Bonds of George J. Dexter, Edward
J. Jones and Benjamin Hath, as Constables, were approved by the
Board.

Chief of Police

The Chief of Police presented to the
Board a report of the doings of his office for the month of Septem-
ber. Read and placed on file.

Chief of Police

The Chief of Police presented to the
Board a report of the doings of his office for the quarter ending
Oct. 1st 1854. Read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

Lunatic Hospital.

Ho. of Industry
& Correction

The Superintendents of the Lunatic
Hospital, House of Industry, and Master of the House of Correction,
reported to the Board the character of the inmates of these sev-
eral Institutions at this date. Read and placed on file.

Lands.

The Superintendent of Public Lands
presented to the Board his report of lands sold by the City during
the quarter ending on the 30th ult^o. which was read and sent
down. In Common Council, placed on file.

The Superintendent of Health 643

presented to the Board his report of the receipts and expenditures in his office for the quarter ending Sep 30 which was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file. Oct. 2, 1854 Health.

On motion of Alderman Odiorne, the Board reconsidered the vote of Sep 25 whereby they accepted the report 'leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac Hall for leave to erect a Steam Planing Mill at South Boston, and said report was re-committed to the Committee on Steam Engines &c. with authority to observe the statutes in relation to said subject. Hall Steam Planing Mill.

The Common Council having voted to refer the order of this Board dated Aug. 4. respecting the removal of some wooden buildings belonging to the House of Industry &c. to a Joint Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Atkins, Demond and Jenkins with such as this Board may join, said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Dunham and Williams were joined. House of Industry.

The Common Council having insisted upon its former vote on the subject of compensation to the Police Officers of the City, and having appointed Messrs Leonard, Hinds and Bowdin a committee to confer with such committee as this Board may appoint. said matter came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Odiorne and Allen were appointed on behalf of this Board. Police Pay of-

Ordered: That the houses erected on lots Nos. 9, 11, Chester Street by J. D. Roberts be and hereby are accepted as fully and substantially complying with the deeds of Roberts.

074. the City conveying said lot, and that the Mayor be and he is
Oct. 2. 1854. authorized to execute deeds of confirmation of said lot to said Roberts,
releasing the conditions as to the number of stories in buildings on
said lots under the direction of the City Solicitor. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the
following amendment at A. strike out all after "lots", and insert
as follows modifying the conditions of said deeds respectively so as to
under lie the erection of the present buildings. Sent down for
concurrence. Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Committee
to report.

Ordered: That the several
committees having subjects under consideration which were refer-
red to them before the adjournment of the Common Council be they are hereby instruc-
ted to report thereon at the next meeting of the Common Council ac-
cording to the 10th Joint Rule of the City Council. Passed in Common Coun-
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Station House

N^o 1.

The Common Council having
amended the order of this Board dated Sept. 4 respecting the improve-
ment of Station House N^o 1. by adding at A. "the expense thereof
to be charged to the appropriation for the Police" said action came
up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Fire Dept.
Chief Engineer.

The ballots having again been
taken and counted for a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,
it appeared that James Quinn was elected, this Board thereby non-
concurring with the Common Council in the choice of Elisha
Smith Jr. Sent down for concurrence.

Stoop

Barren.

Ordered: That the Committee
in External Health be and they are hereby ordered to see at once

tion the Slope lot, Warren now lying at East Boston, with all the appurtenances belonging to the same. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 2, 1854.
Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands consider and report whether any, and if any, what action is necessary in relation to the conditions of the deeds given by the City conveying the lots of land on Chester Street, Chester Square and in the streets in the south part of the City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

A remonstrance of the Directors of the Houses of Industry &c against their removal from the City Hall was received from the Common Council and was read and placed on file.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a City Engineer it appeared that Elisha S. Wescobrough was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 5. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to instruct the Chief of Police to confer with the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department with a view of making an arrangement whereby the regular Police may be employed to attend at fires instead of Constables.

Ordered, That there be paid to Elisha T. Loring the sum of Thirty four hundred and fifty four dollars for land taken to widen Paul Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered: That there be paid to

Oct. 2. 1854 the Mercantile Wharf Corporation the sum of Five thousand dollars for land taken to widen Clinton Street, in accordance with the terms of their contract with the City September 10. 1854. and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Dana.

The Committee to which was referred an order of this Board passed Sep. 10. 1854 to investigate & report who is entitled to the reward offered by this Board for the apprehension of the person who assaulted R. H. Dana Jr. Esq. during an evening of June last have attended to their duty and after a close and critical examination of the evidence brought before them they are satisfied that Arnold C. Whitcomb is entitled to the reward in question. They therefore recommend the passage of the following Order. For the Committee, Geo. F. Williams, Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to Arnold C. Whitcomb the sum of Two hundred dollars in conformity with an order that passed this Board June 6th 1854 offering that sum of money for the detection of the person or persons who assaulted R. H. Dana Jr. in June last. Read, accepted and the order passed. On the passage of the order Alderman Dunham called for the Yeas and Nays which were ordered and were taken as follows Yeas. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dingley, Washburn, Drake, Odiorne & Williams. 8 Nays none. Alderman Dunham was allowed to record his vote in favor of the passage of the order, protesting, however, against the payment of the reward to a Police Officer.

Murrick,
Munroe &
Webster Streets.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets in laying sidewalks on Murrick, Munroe and Webster Streets be authorized to remove all projections on, and

close all openings into, said streets.

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Oct. 2. 1854.

The election of the Water Registrar assigned for this day was laid upon the table.

Water
Registrar.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the Fourth day of October, Anno Domini. 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Washburn & Drake.

Petition of Levi B. Merriam and others for a common sewer in Pleasant Street near the Providence Rail Road Station. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains

Merriam.

Petition of Abijah Patch and others that North Margin Street be lighted with gas. Referred to the Committee on Streets

Patch.

Petition of Sally Pelham to be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Pelham

Petition of Samuel Curtis & others for the abatement of the nuisance on a wharf in the rear of South Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Curtis.

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Studs.

The Superintendent of Streets pre-

sented to the Board his quarterly report for October 1854. Read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Southac

Sted.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of

Streets be authorized to repair the sidewalk in Southac Street and make any change of grade he may deem necessary.

Charlestown

Ordered: That the Mayor be directed

to require the opinion of the City Solicitor upon the following question - Are the inhabitants of the territory of Charlestown recently annexed to Boston entitled to vote upon the acceptance of the Revised Charter of Boston?

Charlestown

Committee to
arrange details.

Ordered: That Aldermen Dunham,

Williams and Odiorne with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee with full power to divide the territory of Charlestown recently annexed to this City into two equal Wards based upon the number of legal voters, and to cause proper voting lists to be prepared for said Wards, to select two convenient Ward Rooms, and to designate such of the Ward Officers of Charlestown as may be necessary to keep the Polls at the ensuing Elections: and said Committee are empowered generally to carry into effect such details of the annexation as may be necessary to the union of the two cities, and which are not otherwise provided for, and to report on their progress to the City Council. Sent down for concurrence, Oct^r 26. Returned from Common Council without further action the Supreme Judicial Court having declared the act of annexation unconstitutional.

Police Station

N^o 4.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to confer with

the proprietors of the buildings now occupied as Police Station No. 11, 649.
with authority to make such an arrangement for a lease of said Oct. 14, 1854.
buildings as they may deem expedient, or they may purchase a
building for a Station House at a price not exceeding ten thousand
and dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.
Ordered: That the same Committee be instructed to make such
alterations in said building as may be required in case a lease
of the same be obtained. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 12. Arose
unopposed.

A communication from the
Superintendent of Public Buildings stating that the new office for
the Chief of Police is now ready for occupancy, was read and laid
upon the table.

Police
Office.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the Ninth day of October, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of D. H. Blaney for
leave to move a wooden building at East Boston - of Francis Knight
for the same permission from Washington Street to Brookline Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Blaney
Knight.

Oct^r 9. 1851. to be paid for land taken to widen Hawkins and Iron Streets.
Barnard. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John Templeton and

Templeton. others that the line and grade of Pleasant Street near the Arsenal
Hew. let be fixed of Hall, Row and others that Sixth Street be graded
Hail. below H's & L Streets of A. S. Hall and others that the sidewalk on
the Western-avenue below Charles Street be repaired. Referred to
the Committee on Paving.

Worthley.

Petition of Daniel Worthley to be

paid for damage occasioned by change of grade in Hancock Street
Lambar. and of J. G. Lambart and others for leave to plant trees in the side-
walk of Monument Street near Church Street. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Paving.

Bates

Petition of Sam^l D. Bates for construc-

tion of a sewer from the Bridge estate to Bullitt Street. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Matthews

Petition of Nathan Matthews for

a hearing respecting an assessment for construction of a sewer
in North Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

House of
Reformation.

Communication from the Directors

of the House of Reformation respecting the crowded state of
that Institution and asking relief in the premises. Referred to the
Committee on Institutions &c. Went down for concurrence. Oct^r 12.
Came up concurred.

Ballast

The Report of the Inspectors of Bal-

lighters.

last lighters for the quarter ending Sep^r 30. 1851, was read and end
down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Petition of B. W. Dunklee that 651.

the taxes paid by him on Lot A^o 111 Chester Square may be refund. Oct^r 9, 1854.
ed, as he never was the owner of said lot. Referred to the Commit. Dunklee.
tee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of the Mount Wash. Mount

ington Avenue Corporation for leave to lay down a rail road track Washington
on the said Avenue. Referred to Aldermen Williams, Gilmer & Avenue.
Allen.

Petition of the Boston Light Ar. Boston

military Corps for the use of Council Hall, Oct. 12, 1854. Referred to the Light Military.
Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board.

Petition of Bigelow, Brothers & Bigelow

Kennard for abatement of a nuisance caused by a coffee roas-
tory near the Old South Church in Washington Street, & William Garjeff,
R. Garjeff and others for abatement of a nuisance in Sumner
Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Michael Tighe and Tighe

others, employes of the City in the Internal Health Department Int. Health.
for an increase of wages Referred to the Committee on Internal
Health.

The quarterly report of the Port

Port Physician for Oct. 1854. was read and sent down. In Com. Physician
mon Council, placed on file

The report of the Juvenile Officers Juvenile

for the quarter ending Sep. 30, 1854 was read and placed on file. Officers.

Oct. 9, 1854. A communication from the Auditor of Accounts stating that the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims is exhausted, was referred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Primary
Schools

Ordered: That the order of May 30, 1853, directing that six dollars be appropriated, each financial year for every Primary School, wherewith to furnish the same with mats, brushes &c. as therein set forth; be and the same is hereby rescinded excepting so far as relates to any dues under said order up to this date. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Chapman
School.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are authorized to cause furnaces to be placed into the Chapman School House at an expense not exceeding the sum of Two thousand dollars, the same to be charged to the Incidental Expenses of Grammar Schools. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Jail Lands.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands be authorized to report in print upon the matter referred to them concerning the Jail Lands. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Lumber

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of so amending the Ordinance concerning a Surveyor General of Lumber as to provide for an additional number of Deputy Surveyors. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

On petition of James Dowd 653.
for leave to build a wagon-lie furnace in Beach St., the Oct. 9, 1854.
Committee on Steam Engines &c. reported that the petitioner have
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Dowd.

The Common Council having Chief Engineer,
elected Elisha Smith, Jr. as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,
thirty non-concurring with this Board in the election of James
Quinn, said action came up for concurrence. Read and said
election was specially assigned for the sixth day of November next.

The Common Council Secretary
having elected N. G. Snelling as Secretary of the Joint Standing of Committees
and Special Committees of the City Council in place of Cyrus
Gould, deceased, said action came up for concurrence, and the
ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that John T.
Swift was chosen, this Board thirty non-concurring with the
Common Council in the choice of said Snelling. Sent down for
concurrence.

No person appearing to object J. Street
to the proposed construction of a sewer in J. Street, between Fifth and Lower
Sixth Streets, said subject was referred to the Committee on Sewers
and Drains with full power.

No person appearing to object West Street,
to the proposed widening of West Street by taking land of Robert
Marsh, said subject was referred to the Committee on Streets with
full power.

Ordered: That Aldermen Olli- Congress
orne and Washburn be a Committee to consider what steps, if any Square
are necessary to recover back from the parties, if any, who may be

Oct. 9, 1854. Subj. the amount of damages paid by the City for the injuries sustained by a party who fell down the steps of the building on the corner of State Street and Congress Square.

Tenn. Hall.
Capt.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Tenn. Hall, it appeared that Henry Taylor was elected.

Librarian

The ballots having been taken & counted for a Librarian of the Public Library, it appeared that Edward Capen was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 1. Came up concurred.

Rice

House of Reps.

On motion of Alderman Washburn the papers relating to the removal of House of Reps., as embraced in the petition of Lewis Rice and others, were referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Warren Street.

Skinner.

Williams.

Dixwell.

The Committee on laying out & widening Streets to whom were referred the petitions of Otis A. Skinner & others - Robert B. Williams and others - Geo. P. Reed & others, for the extension of Warren Street, and the remonstrance of J. J. Dixwell & others against the same, reported, that the several parties were heard before the Committee, and the premises examined by them, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Spear.

The Committee on the Harbor to whom was referred the petition of Nelson Spear respecting the enforcement of the Harbor Regulations, reported, that no action is required thereon. For the Committee, B. D. Allen, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. October 12. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances 655.

to whom were referred the petitions of John W. Blanchard and others Oct^r 9, 1854, and Freeman Baker and others, for a change in the Ordinance in reference to Dealers in Junk and other Second Hand Articles, have considered the same and report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Charles Demond. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That there be paid to Heson.

Samuel B. Heson, lately appointed, Assistant Clerk of the Police and Justices Court, at the rate of eight hundred dollars a year from the date of his appointment, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for salaries. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Special Committee, Dorchester

to whom was referred the petition of Charles Northall and John May, in favor of the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the "Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company", having considered the subject and heard the parties, Report: That said Act of incorporation should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order. For the Committee, Barnham Plummer. Ordered, That the Act to incorporate the "Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company", passed April 29th 1854, be and the same is hereby accepted, provided, that such acceptance shall not be deemed as fixing or locating any track within the City of Boston. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Special Committee, Middlesex R.R.

to whom was referred the petition of James Lee and another, pray. Lee.

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Oct. 9. 1854. ing for the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the Middlesex Railroad Company, approved April 29. 1854, having considered the subject and heard the parties, Report: That said Act should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order. For the Committee, Thornham Plummer. Ordered, That the Act to incorporate the Middlesex Railroad Company be and the same is hereby accepted; provided, that such acceptance by the City Council shall not be construed as fixing or locating any track within the City of Boston. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Chelsea
Rail Road
Low

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Low and others asking for the acceptance by the City Council of an Act to incorporate the "Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company," having considered the subject, Report: That the same should be accepted, and recommend the passage of the following Order. For the Committee, Thornham Plummer. Ordered, That the Act to incorporate the "Boston & Chelsea Railroad Company," passed April 29th 1854, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council; provided, that such acceptance shall not be construed as fixing or locating any track within this City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Accounts
within City

Whereas a practice has grown up in the City Council which is inconsistent with that system of accountability contemplated by the City Charter and the Ordinances under it, in this, that Committees and individual members of Committees and of the City Council have contracted bills in the name of the City, which bills have by their direction been

presented to the Auditor and by him ordered upon the Books of his
department and presented the Committee of Accounts for their an- Oct. 9. 1854.
tion, and by them have been approved, and whereas such prac-
tice is of doubtful legality and of equally doubtful expediency, pre-
sented as it does inducements to aspirants for a seat in the City
Council not likely to ensure the most prudent or economical ad-
ministration of the City affairs. Therefore, be it ordered: That it is
the duty of the Committee of Accounts to withhold their approval
from all bills which have not the sanction of the City Council,
directly or indirectly by some vote, or unless said bills should have
been incurred for proper expenses authorized by Committee and
contracted while in the actual discharge of duties imposed by a
vote of the City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

The preamble and orders, House of
which were laid upon the table Nov. 4. declaring it expedient that Correction.
the House of Correction be removed to Deer Island and estimating Error in record
the cost thereof at \$25,000 and directing an allocation of the brick Tide pp. 590, 602.
building at Deer Island for that purpose, were taken up and were
passed, (as recorded on page 558.) Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That due notice be Sick
given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock P.M. That
take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common
sewer in Sixth Street, west of Dorchester Avenue, and of assessing
the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular
drains into such common sewer, or who by any more remote means
shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto
to will then and there be heard.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor

and he is hereby authorized to allow the Chief of Police to dispense Police badge with the present one worn by the Police as a badge of office, and adopt a badge similar to those worn by the Lieutenants of Police, provided, that each Policeman is required to pay for said badge, and to return the same at the expiration of his term of office, when the cost of said badge shall be refunded.

Constables

Ordered: That the City Clerk be

he is hereby instructed to notify such persons, who served as Constables last year, and who have not been appointed this year, that their term of office is expired.

Police Stations

The Joint Standing Committee on

connection of

Geographic the Harms to whom was received the communication of the Chief of Police suggesting that the different Police Stations be connected by wires from the Central Office having duly considered that subject, report, that, as the present stations are not yet all permanently established and in view of the recent addition to the territory of Boston, said subject be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, S. L. Allen Chairman. Read and accepted. Put down for concurrence, Oct. 12. Came up concurred.

High Street.

Preston

Whereas Jonathan Preston has given

notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on High Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Jonathan Preston that this Board intend to widen the said Street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public Street,

and that Monday, the sixteenth day of October inst. at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Whereas in the opinion of this Greenough's Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Greenough's Lane should be widened, it is therefore hereby ordered, that due notice be given to Humphrey Chadbourn that this Board intend to widen the Lane before mentioned, by taking a part of his land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public Street - and that Monday, the sixteenth day of October inst. at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Ordered: That Lenox Street between Washington Street and Shawmut Avenue be and the same hereby is accepted and laid out as a public highway, forty feet wide, deeds of the same having been given to the City. Ordered: That the City Engineer be directed to establish a grade for said Lenox Street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade said Lenox Street after the grade of the same has been established.

Ordered: That the Board accept and adopt the grade of Cambridge Street from Charles Street to West Boston Bridge, prepared by the City Engineer; the said grade being shown on a profile of the said Cambridge Street, accompanying a plan of the same by the said Engineer, dated September 25th 1854 and deposited in the office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered: That there be paid to Wm. J. Hart the sum of One hundred dollars for damages

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Oct. 9. 1854. occasioned by the change of the grade of East Brookline Street in front of his estate on said E. Brookline Street, upon his proving his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Cambridge
Street.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be instructed to pave that part of Cambridge Street, lying between Charles Street and West Boston Bridge; according to the grade of the same this day proposed by the City Engineer, and adopted by an order of this Board.

Summer

Ordered, That there be paid to Timothy J. Summer the sum of twenty five dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of East Brookline Street in front of his estate upon said E. Brookline St. upon his proving his title to the said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Andrews

Ordered, That there be paid to Frank W. Andrews the sum of Two Hundred dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of East Brookline Street in front of his estate on said Street, upon his proving his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That there be paid 661

to Richard Ficker Gadd in addition to the sum of \$750 awarded by an order passed June 21st 1854 the sum of Three hundred dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of Church Street to his estate on the corner of said Church Street & Myrtle Street upon his paying his title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Road and laid on the table.

On petition of William W. Nichols of Boston, praying this Board to estimate the damages sustained by him in consequence of the making, maintaining & location of the Boston & New York Central Railroad adjoining the land owned by him at South Boston, it is hereby Ordered: That the said Boston and New York Central Railroad Corporation be notified to appear before this Board on Monday next the sixteenth instant at four o'clock, P.M., at which time this Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said petitioner, and will also take such other measures in the premises as are by the laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Hathorne for leave to erect an enclosure on a portion of the sidewalk at the west end of Fenwick Hill. Report: That as the prayer of the petition is for leave to occupy a portion of the highway, the consideration of the subject more properly belongs to the Committee on Paving.

662. Your Committee therefore recommend the reference of the petition
(Oct. 9, 1854) to that Committee. For the Committee W. Washburn, Chairman.
Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 12. Came up concurred.

Intra-mural
interments. On motion of Alderman Dursham
the report and papers relating to the subject of Intra-mural inter-
(vide Oct. 1st. 1855) ments were taken from the table, and the order as amended Aug.
7, 1854, was finally adopted. (See page 566)

Lunatic
Hospital new. Willburne from the first Spe-
cial Committee of the City Council to which was referred the paper
of the last year concerning the location of the New Lunatic Hospital
reported (vide City Document 69) the following order. Ordered, That the
Joint Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the
subject of the erection of a new Hospital for the Insane Poor, be, and
they are hereby authorized to select ^B and purchase such a lot of
land ^A as a site for an Insane Asylum as they may deem expedient.
Read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (See pages 709, 757)

House of
Correction. Whereas it is necessary, in the opinion of this Board,
that the House of Correction for Suffolk County, should be greatly enlarged; & whereas
Deer Island. it is expedient that the location of the same should be changed from South Wren to Deer
Island, therefore, Ordered: That the ^A main building at Deer Island be altered and
fitted up for a House of Correction according to the plan submitted to this Board by Joseph
H. Richards. and that the Board doth adjudge the expense thereof will amount to the sum of
^B forty six thousand dollars and no more. Sent down for concurrence. (See page 758)

Adjourned to Thursday next, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 663
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Thursday the 10th day of October, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Drake and Williams.

Petition of the People's Ferry Co. People's Ferry.
for the establishment of their rate of Tolls. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Streets.

Petition of Geo. Hills to be paid Hills
for damage sustained by change of grade in Church Street, & and
? but to be paid for damage sustained to his carriage in Church
Street by reason of a defect in said Street. Referred to the Committee
on Paving.

Petition of Samuel Stanwood Stanwood
for heirs of Eleazer Howard to be paid for lands taken to widen Com-
mercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

On the remonstrance of Wm^d H. Hancock Hancock
Hancock & Ben^d Adams respecting the common sewer in First Adams
St. Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to
withdraw. Read and accepted.

On petition Nathan Matthews Matthews
respecting assessment for construction of a sewer in Clark Street
the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioner have a hear-
ing before the whole Board on Monday next at 4 1/2 o'clock, P.M.
Read and accepted.

On complaint of the Engineers Eliot Street
of the Fire Department concerning the erection of a wooden building Building

1664. on Eliot Street of an illegal size, the Committee on the Fire Department reported that the said engineers had been instructed to take the necessary steps in the premises. Read and accepted.

Mack. On petition of S. Mack for leave to construct a cellar doorway at 508 Washington Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

North Street. Ordered: That so much of the order passed May 15th 1854, as is contained in the proviso in relation to a bond from the abutters on North Street between Fleet & Clark Streets, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Sanford. Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises of Samuel Sanford 188 Bedford Street caused by filthy and stagnant water in the cellar of said premises, and whereas said Sanford, though duly notified, has neglected to remove said nuisance, therefore, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause said water to be removed from said cellar at the expense of said Sanford, said nuisance being dangerous to the Public Health.

Commercial Street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Commercial Street at the head of the People's Ferry Slip, made necessary in consequence of the widening of said Street at that point.

White & Marion Street. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have White and Marion Streets at their junction graded, provided the same can be done without cost to

the City by claim for damage or otherwise.

665.

Oct. 12. 1884.

The Special Committee to which was referred the order respecting the accident in Congress Square reported that the necessary steps for a remedy against the owners of the premises where the accident occurred have been taken by the Committee on Claims for the Committee. *Ex. Ordinance.* Read and accepted.

Congress
Square.

The Chairman of the Committee on County Accounts, who were directed to cause the papers in the basement of the Probate Court House to be filed &c. reported that said duty has been accomplished. Read and accepted.

Probate
Office.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication of the Engineers of the Fire Department concerning a ~~loss~~ ^{loss} committed on Engine No. 10, properly reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

Engine No. 10

On petition of Samuel Ellis & others for appointment to take charge of the new Engine No. 12, at East Boston, the Committee on the Fire Department reported that said company has been approved by the Engineers. Read & accepted.

Ellis.

On petition of the Richmond Street Church for a gas lamp in said street of George H. Gulliver and others for gas lamps in Arlington Street, the Committee on Lamps reported that the prayers of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Richmond St.
Church.
Gulliver.

Oct. 11. 1854. On petition of Abijah Patch and others, that North Main Street be lighted with gas, & others that Arnold Street be lighted with gas, the Committee on Tramps reported that no Mains are laid in said streets. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Sixteenth day of October, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Williams & Dingley.

Pike

Petition of J. G. M. Pike for leave to exhibit a Panorama at Ritchie Hall. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Hennessy

Petition of Edward Hennessy for appointment as an Auctioneer. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Petition of Page, Briggs & Babbitt, and others for leave to water Commercial Street in front of their stores. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of John L. Roberts 667.
to be paid for damage occasioned to his house by the change of the
drain in South Cedar Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal
Health. Oct. 16. 1854.
Roberts.

Petition of H. Randall & others Randall.
for abatement of a nuisance in South Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Internal Health.

Petition of John Nott and others Nott.
for a lamp between Hanover Street and Haymarket Square. of the
East Boston Gas Light Company for a hearing in the matter of
Street Lamps. Referred to the Committee on Lamps. & 12 Gas
Light Co.

Petition of William H. Foster & Foster.
others for a plank sidewalk on Shawmut Avenue between Chester &
Concord Streets of Daniel French for grade of Second Street between
1st & 2nd Streets of Mary Ann Barton to be paid for damage sustained
by change of grade in Old Market Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving. French.
Barton.

Communication of S. B. Morse Morse.
re. respecting the Indices to records in Registry of Deeds. Referred to
the Committee on County Accounts. Reg. Deeds.

Petition of Matthew Binney for Binney.
abatement of the tax imposed upon him. Referred to the Committee on
the Assessors Department. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 12. Came
up concurred.

Petition of Warden of Ward No. 8 Ward room
that a more convenient Ward Room may be assigned to the voters
of Ward No. 8. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent
down for concurrence. Oct. 12. Came up concurred. Ward No. 8.

Oct^r 16. 1854. Land Commissioners for appropriation to lay a sewer at end of Worcester Street. Worcester Street. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Chamberlain

Petition of Isaac Chamberlain to be paid for personal injuries sustained by him from a defect in Chapman Place. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Fire Alarm
Office.

Petition of the Superintendent of the

Fire Alarms that better sleeping accommodations may be furnished for the Central Office. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Way
Shawmut Av.
Arnold Street.

On petition of Samuel A. Way - Or-

dered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Shawmut Avenue and Arnold Street.

Cholera

The Committee on Internal Health

Hospital.

would respectfully report, that, under the authority of an order dated Sept^r 28. 1854. they offered at public sale the building erected on Fort Hill for a Cholera Hospital, but the price bid for the same being such a sacrifice, it was deemed expedient not to sell it as it could be removed to the premises at the south part of the City occupied by the Internal Health Department, and made available for all purposes at a small cost. The Committee therefore decided that it was for the best interests of the City to remove the same to the south City Yard, which has been done. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham Jr. accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee 669.

in laying out and widening streets &c and they are hereby in- Oct. 10. 1851.
structed to cause North Street to be widened by taking land at cor- North Street.
ner of North and Blake Streets belonging to John W. James and others James
provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of three thousand
dollars. A

Ordered: That the Committee on Jailors fees

Internal should report what amount is paid by the city for long-
term confinement of persons arrested by the Police and Watch, or pet-
ty offences and whether any mode can be adopted whereby it will
be at less expense to the City.

Agreeably to the report of the Com- Second
mittee on Licenses, the following named were appointed as Sell- hand
ers in second hand articles viz: James Trimburg 66 Elm St. articles
Andrew & Henry St: Joseph Green 334 Broad Street. John C. Perkins
Broadway, 155 John Johnston 25 Beattle St: Horace & Perkins 100
Broad St: Coffin Pitts 20 Beattle St: Geo. M. Rogers on Salem and
Endicott Streets.

Ordered: That there be paid to Ladd
Richard Fletcher Ladd the sum of Thirteen hundred dollars for
land taken to widen Church Street, upon his giving to the City a
Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all dam-
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking and that
the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and wid-
ening streets.

The order to pay R. F. Ladd the Ladd
sum of \$250 for damages occasioned by the change of grade in
Church Street, which was laid upon the lot of 1849, was taken there-
from and paid.

Notice was received that the

Oct 16 1854 Common Council agreeable to the report of the Committee of conference on the part of that branch had concurred with this Board in the passage of the order of July 7, 1854, respecting the pay of the Police.

Bigelow-
Lyon Brothers.

On petition of Bigelow-Brothers and

Leonard Brothers for abatement of a nuisance caused by a coffee factory in Washington Street the Committee on Internal Health reported that the proprietors of said Mills having pledged themselves to discontinue the burning of articles causing the nuisance, no further action is necessary. Read and accepted.

Boston Light
Artillery.

On petition of Boston Light Artillery

for use of Lincoln Hall Oct. 18th inst. the Committee on Public Buildings reported that the prayer of the petition is granted. Read and accepted.

City Physician.

The quarterly report of the City Physi-

cian for the term ending Sep. 30. was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Convention.

Ordered: That a message be sent to the

proceeds. Common Council proposing a convention of both branches of the City Council on Thursday the 20th day of October inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of determining the number of representatives it is expedient to send to the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

Cole.

On petition of Morrill Cole - Ordered: -

Trenton Street.

That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to set edgestones and pave the gutters on the southerly side of Trenton Street, the edgestones to be paid for by the abutters on said street.

Agreeably to notice Jonathan Pusey 671.

ten appeared for the owners of land on High Street, and objected to the proposed widening of said street near Court Street, upon which said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Greenough Lane by taking land of H. Chadbourne said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

An invitation from the Boston Light Artillery Corps requesting the Board to attend their dinner and dinner on the afternoon of the 18th instant was read and accepted by the Board.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Lands cause the fence around Worcester Square or Park to be repaired and put in good order. Sent down for concurrence. Oct^r 26th Same upconcurred.

The Joint Special Committee appointed by an order of the City Council Sep 22. to investigate & report on the subject of the purchase of a lot for the erection of the East Boston School House, reported the facts in the case and that no further action is required on said subject. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (City Doc. 72.)

No objections being made to the proposed construction of a sewer in High Street said subject was referred to the Committee on Sewers with full power.

Ordered: That the order which passed this Board on the 11th of Sep. 1854, establishing an agreement

072. for constructing a common Sewer in Orange Lane &c and the same
Oct. 16. 1854 is declared to be void and of no effect.

Matthews.

Agreeably to notice Nathan

Mathew
Mathew

appeared before the Board and objected to the assessment
laid upon him for the construction of a sewer in Black Street upon
which the subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers and
Drains.

Finckh

On the remonstrance of E. W.

Finckh and others

against granting the use of Council Hall for
several of the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board
reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Truants
House of
Reformation

The Committee on Institutions to

whom was referred the communication of the Directors of the House of
Industry, respecting the crowded state of the House of Reformation
and asking some relief in the premises, having considered the sub-
ject, and that the cause of complaint arises from the fact that most
of the Truant children are sent thither, by the Police Court pursuant
and to an existing Ordinance of the City: they therefore recommend
the said Ordinance be amended in this respect, and they there-
fore report the accompanying order. H. C. Smith, Chairman. Ordered:
That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to report an Ordinance
amending the existing Ordinance respecting Truant children, where-
by some other institution than the House of Reformation, may be
assigned for the detention of Truant children. Passed, sent down for
concurrence. Oct. 18. Came up concurred.

Nichols

Upon the petition of William

New York
Central R.R.

H. Nichols of Boston, praying this Board to estimate the damages
occasioned to him by the Boston and New York Central Rail Road.

Company to the making and maintaining their said Rail Road 673
adjoining his estate, as in his petition particularly set forth, and Oct. 16. 1854.
also to require said Railroad Company to give security for the
payment of all such damages and costs as shall be awarded by
this Board or by a jury for the damages aforesaid it now appearing
that the said Boston & New York Central Rail Road Company have
been duly notified of the pendency of said petition it is Ordered: That
the damages occasioned to said petitioner by the said Union and
New York Central Railroad Company be estimated at the sum of
one dollar: and that the said Boston and New York Central Rail
Road Company do give security to the satisfaction of this Board for
the payment of all such damages and costs as have been award
ed by this Board or as shall be awarded by a jury for the damages
as aforesaid agreeably to the Statutes in that case made and pro
vided.

Ordered: That there be paid to Holbrook.
Samuel R. M. Holbrook the sum of Two hundred dollars upon his
giving to the City the right of drainage through his land from Ohio
Place into the common sewer in Indiana Place, and an acquit
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in conse
quence of said drainage; and that the same be charged to the ap
propriation for Internal Health; said acquittance being made sat
isfactory to the City Solicitor.

Ordered: That there be paid to Model
the Model Lodging House Corporation the sum of One hundred and thirty five
dollars upon their giving to the City the right of drainage through
their land from Ohio Place into the common sewer in Indiana
Place, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and
expenses in consequence of said drainage; and that the same be

6774. Charged to the appropriation for Internal Health; said acquittance
Oct. 16. 1854. being made satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Richards

Ordered: That there be paid to Francis Richards the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars upon his giving to the City the right of drainage through his land, from Ohio Place into the Common Sewer in Indiana Place, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said drainage; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Internal Health; said acquittance being made satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Shawmut

Ordered: That the Board accept

Arnold

White,

Marion Streets.

and adopt the grade of Arnold Street, between Shawmut Avenue and Washington Street; and the revised grades of Shawmut Avenue between Lenox Street and Arnold Street; of White Street near Marion Street, and of Marion Street between White Street and Monmouth Street, proposed by the City Engineer; the said grades being shown on profiles of the said Arnold Street, Shawmut Avenue, White Street and Marion Street, by the said Engineer, dated October 10th 1854, and deposited in the Office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; provided, that so far as relates to Marion and White Streets, the City shall be bound by responsible persons, to make claim for payment of damages that may result from the proposed changes of grade of the said streets, to the abutters thereon.

Haller & Co.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Water be and they hereby are directed to cause to be printed and distributed to the citizens, the Water Rates as amended by the City Council, with notes explanatory specifying the changes introduced thereby, and

that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Printing. 675
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and Oct^r 16. 1854.
nonconcurrent.

Petition of Gossler H^o for the pay- Gossler H^o
ment of certain coupons of City Stock lost in the Steamer Arctic. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Finance in concurrence.

Petition of John Howe for a re- Howe
lease from certain conditions in deeds of real estate on Shawmut Av-
enue from the City to him. Referred to the Committee on Public
Lands in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac D. Farnsworth Farnsworth
for modification of certain contracts with the City. Referred to the
Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

The Committee on Finance School House
having had under consideration City Document No. 87, relating to ad- at No. 10. Boston
ditional appropriations for the new Grammar School House at East
Boston and at South Boston, ask leave to report in part, that as
the interest of the City requires that the House at South Boston should
be put under contract immediately, they recommend the passage of
the annexed order, authorizing a loan of a sum not exceeding \$2000
the same to be obtained when needed and added to the existing ap-
propriation for building that house. For the Committee: V. L. Smith, Chair-
man. Ordered: That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized to
borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, whenever they
shall deem it necessary, a sum of money not exceeding Eighteen
thousand dollars, and that the same be added to the existing appor-
portionation for a New Grammar School House at South Boston. Passed in

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Oct. 16. 1854. Common Council. Yeas 33 Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dunham, Washburn, Drake, and Osborne 7. Nays 0.

Genesee Street
School House

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are authorized to expend Six hundred dollars (\$600) in addition to the sum already authorized, for the alteration of the yards to the Primary School House in Genesee Street, the same to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses on Primary School Houses Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Secretary
of Committee

The ballots having again been taken & counted for a Secretary of the Joint Special and Standing Committees of the City Council, it appeared that John G. Swift was elected, this Board thereby nonconcurring with the Common Council in the choice of N. G. Snelling made by that branch. Sent down for concurrence.

Emerson
Oct. 18. 1854

On petition of Robert Emerson and others for a modification of the rules respecting that now the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the same to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence.

Treasurer

Petition of City Treasurer for the usual appropriation to pay Extra Clerks in his office. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and non concurred and referred to the Committee on the Treasury Department. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 11. Came up concurred.

Ordered. That the Mayor be requested to ask the judges of the Police Court to sentence all vagrants and Trunkers to Penitentiary, & to be in common Penitentiary. Read and indefinitely postponed.

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Oct. 10, 1857.

Vagrants &c.

Alderman Williams, who took his seat at the Board at this stage of the proceedings, offered the following order. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to have Board Street, in front of the ward House paved with Iron blocks, provided the same can be done at a cost to the City of not more than six dollars per square yard. To include the price of the Iron blocks, the gravel and the laying of the same. The size of the block to be used to be approved of by the Superintendent of Streets. The work not to be commenced or contracted for by the Superintendent of Streets unless he can complete the work already commenced in his department and have sufficient amount of the appropriation for Paving &c. to keep the Streets in order during the winter months. Read and laid on the table.

Board Street.

Iron pavement.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at nine o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Furham & Odiorne.

Gill

Petition of Peter J. Gill and others for a modification of the Ordinance respecting Dealers in Second hand articles. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence. Come up concurred.

Wilber.

On petition of A. S. Wilber and others, owners of houses in Ohio and Indiana Places, that the City would assume the custody and care of the Sewer laid in said places, the Committee on Internal Health reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Smith

On petition of John Smith to the Supreme Judicial Court for a writ of prohibition to restrain the Mayor & Aldermen from taking down his building in North Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported that they are discharged from any further consideration of said subject. Read and accepted.

Richards

On petition of Francis Richards to be paid for land taken to construct a drain in Ohio Place, the Committee on Internal Health reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

Lucy

On petition of William & George others for abatement of nuisance in Garden Street the Committee on Internal Health reported that as the nuisance exists

only on the premises of one individual, and must be abated by 679
a scire, that the subject be referred to the next Board of Mayor Oct^r 18. 1854.
and Aldermen. Read and accepted.

On petition of Heirs of W^m H. Boardman.
Boardman for a scire in with and the Committee on Sewers
reported that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition-
ers the present year. Read and accepted.

On petition of Henry A. Davis Davis
for abatement of a nuisance in Medford Court, the Committee on
Internal Health reported, that said Court is private property,
and that the nuisance is not sufficiently extensive to warrant
the interference of the City. Read and accepted.

On motion of Alderman Jun^r Emerson
ham the vote whereby the Board accepted the report referring the
petition of Lord Emerson for a modification of the rules respecting
coal holes, to the Committee on Ordinances, was reconsidered, and said
petition was recommitted to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered: That the Committee on Nigrants &c.
Public Buildings consider and report to the City Council if
any building belonging to the City can be used for the purpose of
confining Vagrants and Inebriates therein, and if such confinement
can be lawfully made, under the Statute of the Commonwealth, in
any building other than a jail or House of Correction. Sent down
for concurrence, same up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next (tomorrow) at 10½ o'clock, AM.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Nineteenth day of October, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Williams.

Ladd-
Church Street

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Church Street should be widened by taking land of heirs of B. C. Ladd, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said heirs of B. C. Ladd that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that this nineteenth day of October is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Sixth Street
Lovers

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Lovers be directed to construct a Common Lane through Sixth Street from Dorchester Avenue westerly to the Harbor.

Auctioneers

Edward Hennessy and Cornelius Heliker were appointed Auctioneers of the City until July 1. 1855.

Adams

On petition of Asa Adams for repair of the drain in Millham Street, the Committee on Lovers and Drains reported, that the subject matter of the petition has been attended to by the Committee. Read and accepted.

On petition of Samuel D. 681

Rules that a drain may be constructed from the Bridge Estate in Court Street to meet the sewer in Gutter Street the committee on Sewers and Drains reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted. Oct. 16, 1854. Rules.

On petition of Harvey D. Parker. Parker.

for the lowering of the sewer in School Street, the committee on Sewers and Drains reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

On petition of Chickering and Chickering

Sons for abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in Fremont and Northampton Streets, the committee on Sewers reported a reference of the same to the Committee on Public Lands. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 26. Same up concurred.

On petition of William Chad- Chadbourn

bourn and others to be paid for land taken from them in constructing a sewer in Greenough Lane, the committee on Sewers and Drains reported that no further action was required on the part of the committee, the subject being in the hands of the Committee on Streets. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Inter- Rice.

nal Health, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Rice and other Hotel keepers in the City of Boston, respecting the mode of removing House offal upon which the petitioners have had a public hearing before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully beg leave to report: The committee are fully aware of the importance of the subject and the extent to which it affects the interests of the Housekeepers, and

68. particularly the proprietors of hotels in the City. Mr. Rice testified
Oct. 19, 1854, before the Board that he could dispose of the swill at the American
House for about five hundred dollars a year, and could
have it removed in a manner as little offensive as at present.
Colonel Spooner estimated the value of the offal at the United
States Hotel at three hundred dollars a year. Colonel Crockett
had been offered two hundred dollars a year for the offal at the
Pembroke House. He stated that the city loads in which the offal
was now collected, smelt offensively. Mr. Silsby said that the
offal at the Knickerbocker House was worth to him three hundred dol-
lars a year. Mr. Chamberlin stated that the offal at the Adams
and Franklin Houses was worth to him five hundred dollars
a year. Mr. Long testified that the value of the swill at the Quincy
House was three hundred dollars a year. Mr. Harvey said
that the swill at the Pavilion was worth one hundred dollars
a year to him. It is apparent, therefore, that the present system
of collecting house offal, or swill, in the city carts, under the exist-
ing contract with Nathaniel Ward, causes a pecuniary loss to
those proprietors of extensive establishments, who are thereby preven-
ted from selling their offal to customers of their own selection.
It would seem an individual has offal is collected at the ex-
pense of his own expense, and under the direction of the Su-
perintendent of Internal Health. And the Committee fully
agree with the petitioners, that if the city were not bound by
their contract, a system might be devised by which the offal
of the city could be removed, under the direction of the Superin-
tendent of Internal Health, in a manner no more offensive
and perhaps less so than at present, by parties who would col-
lect the offal at their own expense, and in many instances,

as in the case of hotels, would be willing to pay what it was worth 683.
to the proprietors. The Committee cannot understand why this Oct. 19, 1854.
has not been heretofore done. And they would cheerfully recom-
mend the adoption of such a system, if they were not bound by
the contract executed in 1853, with Mr. Ward, at new cost: the
city about \$11,500 a year, merely to collect the house offal, and
they receive from Mr. Ward only \$8,500 a year, leaving a loss to
the city for this department of business of \$3,000 a year, to say nothing
of the injury done to those who might otherwise dispose of
their offal at considerable prices. The difficulty of adopting a
new system arises from the contract executed, March 24, 1853,
during the mayoralty of Mr. Shaver, with Nahum Ward, which
contract is to remain in force for five years from the 14th day of
November in the same year. By that contract the city are bound
for the sum of \$8,500 per annum to be paid by Mr. Ward, to de-
liver to him all the house offal which shall be collected by the
city carts in the said city; and also, on reasonable notice from
him, to take all reasonable measures, by prosecutions under the
ordinances of the said city and the laws of the common-
wealth, to prevent the said house offal from being collected and
disposed of by any other persons than those acting under the
order of the city authorities. Now the Committee are ready to ad-
mit that this contract, which was a renewal of a previous con-
tract with the same party was an injudicious one on the part
of the city, and one productive of much hardship to individuals;
but, at the same time, it cannot be denied that it is entirely le-
gal. The Supreme Court of this Commonwealth have decided,
in the case of Fandine, & Hekering's Report, 1847, that a by law
of the city of Boston prohibiting any person not duly licensed

084. therefore by the Mayor and Aldermen, from removing the
Oct. 19, 1854. house dirt and coal from the City, was a valid by-law.
And if the contract is a legal one, it is binding upon the City,
and the City would be liable to an action for damages in case they
should violate it. By the petitioners own showing, the office is very valuable
to the contractor, and a violation of the contract on the part of
the City, would subject them to damages to a considerable amount.
The Committee think it would have been the proper time last year,
before the renewal of Mr. Ward's contract for another five years had
been signed, for these petitioners to interfere and endeavor to pre-
vent its execution. Their remonstrances and representations would
undoubtedly have had great weight with the then existing City
Government, and as the City were then free to adopt such a sys-
tem as should appear most advisable, the petitioners could un-
doubtedly, by their timely interference, have prevented the renewal
of this document, which now ties up our hands for four years to
come. And as they rested quiet when the City was at liberty to
act, they cannot now expect the City to violate a contract so re-
cently made, and having so long a time to run, with the pros-
pect of thereby incurring a heavy pecuniary penalty. The Commit-
tee therefore, while they fully agree with the petitioners in prin-
ciple, while they think the contract ought not to have been made,
and are sensible that it works a hardship in preventing indi-
viduals from disposing of their own property, do not think they
ought to take the responsibility of the consequences which must
follow a violation of the contract with Mr. Ward. They are there-
fore compelled to recommend that the petitioners have to with-
draw. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read, laid
on the table and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That the safety and 685

convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Church Street Oct. 14, 1854.
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, Guild.
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City a free Church Street.
lot of land belonging to the heirs of Ed. Guild bounded as
follows viz: Northwesternly on Hayville Street, there measuring
two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, Southwardly by the former line of
Church Street, thirty two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Eastwardly of and for
merly taken from said heirs to widen said street, two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
and Northwardly to the intimated line of widening of said
street, thirty two feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. containing eighty seven square feet
and $\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft. more or less. and whereas due notice has been given
of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for
the purpose aforesaid, and the parties interested having waived
all right to further notice, as appears by the return hereunto
annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before
described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a
public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the
said widening made by E. J. Chesbrough dated June 23^d 1852. and
deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen, and this
Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Church
Street, as aforesaid, will amount to seven hundred dollars:
which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous
alterations or discontinuances in said Street, during the present
municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the safety and Greenough's
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Greenough's Lane
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and Chubbourn

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lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of
land belonging to Humphrey Chadbourne bounded as follows, viz:
Southwardly by land of the Town, three measuring three feet
and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; Southwardly by Greenough's Lane, the same being
projected in width on an irregular line seventy one feet; Northeast-
wardly by the northwesterly line of the said Chadbourne's land, two
feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot; and Northwardly by the proposed line of
widening of the said Lane, on an irregular line, the same being
the northwesterly line of a portion of brick pavement lately laid
by the said City, seventy one feet, containing two hundred & thirty
two square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been giv-
en of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land
for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto an-
nected. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before describ-
ed be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street
or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening
made by A. L. Greenough dated Oct. 12, 1854 and deposited in the
office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth
adjudge that the expense of widening the said Greenough's Lane,
as aforesaid, will amount to Two hundred dollars: which sum
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year,
does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Pike

Leave was granted to J. W. Pike
to exhibit a Panorama at Ritchie Hall.

Idle & dissolute

Boys.
Shuants.

In consequence of representa-
tions from the Chief of Police that the Judges of the Police Court de-
cline to sentence idle and dissolute Boys, because there is no in-

stitution in which they can be detained the House of Reformation 68?
being now full, it was Ordered: That the Directors of the House of Oct. 19. 1854
Industry make all necessary arrangements to receive all vagrant and truant boys in some of the City buildings now under their charge in South Boston, or in the old Almshouse vacated by them some time since. Sent down for concurrence Oct. 26. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman King North Street
by the vote whereby the Board passed an order Oct. 10. 1854. instructing James
the Committee on Streets to cause North Street to be widened at corner of Clark Street, (as recorded on page 664.) was reconsidered, and said order having been amended by substituting thirty one hundred dollars for three thousand dollars, and by adding at. T. said James to settle with his tenants and save the City harmless from all claims and demands from them, and from all suits against the City: was adopted.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty third day of October. Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Gunham, Hubbard and O'Brien.

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Wallace.

Petition of Affu Swallow that the Temple Street sewer near his estate may be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Rice.

Petition of Charles Rice and others that the High Street sewer near Park Street may be re-laid. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Boyd.

Hobbs.

Lick.

Petition of Francis Boyd that the grade of East Garden Street may be established. of William Melony for leave to keep open a cellar doorway in this street. of Philip A. Locke for leave to set out trees in the sidewalk on Washington St. between Garden and Northampton Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Tobler.

Petition of W. H. Tobler for leave to keep an Intelligence office at 31. Exchange Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Hobbs.

Petition of W. C. Hobbs that the bridge of Worcester Railroad at Harrison Avenue may be widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Convention.

A message was received from the Common Council, stating, that that Branch concurs in the proposition to hold a Convention on Thursday next at seven o'clock, P.M., to determine the number of Representatives which it is expedient to send to the next General Court from this City.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor, James Faxon was appointed a Special Trial Jury for the case of *Reformation v. Faxon*.

The Committee on Finance 089.

having duly considered the Auditor's communication of the 5th instant, respectfully report the enclosed statement from that Officer which will enlighten the Council as to the manner in which the original appropriation for Incidental Expenses has been disposed of. They also recommend to the Council the passage of the annexed order authorizing an additional appropriation of twelve thousand dollars. For the Committee, J. V. G. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of Twelve thousand dollars be transferred from the appropriation for the House of Industry &c. and added to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses. In Common Council. Read and recommitted with instructions for the Committee to report in detail the Schedules therein and also for like appropriations for the last five years. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

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Appropriations.

Incidental Expenses

Petition of Cornelius Doherty to be Doherty.

paid for land taken to widen North Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Charles E. Wiggin Wiggin

and others that the Ordinance concerning Dealers in Second Hand Articles may be repealed. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Ordinances with instructions to give the petitioners a hearing. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Second hand articles.

A certificate of the election of Clerk to N. G. Snelling as Clerk of the Committee to the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Clerk to Committee

Oct. 28. 1854.
Fulthorne.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Fulthorne for leave to erect a porch on the west end of Council Hall reported, that after due investigation they are of opinion that the Board of Mayor & Aldermen have no power to grant any permission to occupy any portion of a street or highway with a building. They therefore report leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Chapman
School House.

On motion of Alderman Allen the order of the Common Council respecting the Staircases for the Chapman School House, which was laid on the table Oct. 9. was taken therefrom and passed in concurrence.

West Street.
Marsh.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that West Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Robert Marsh bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by West Street, there measuring forty one feet and $\frac{95}{100}$ of a foot; Northwestwardly by the same, and by land of Waldo Flint, six feet and $\frac{75}{100}$ of a foot; Southwestwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, being the line of the same from Clement Street to Adams Street extended Southwestwardly, forty two feet; and Southwardly by land of Thomas Carter, six feet and $\frac{25}{100}$ of a foot; containing two hundred and sixty eight square feet, and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereun-

to annexed; It is therefore Ordered, that the parcel of land here
described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a pub-
lic street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said
widening made by E. Ekstrom, dated October 23^d 1854, and deposited
in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. and this Board
doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said West Street, as
aforesaid, will amount to Eight hundred dollars: which sum
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year,
does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

On petition of Hall J. How and
others that Sixth Street be graded below Kth St. Needs, the Committee
on Paving reported that an order has been passed to have Sixth
Street graded, therefore no further action is necessary thereon. Read
and accepted.

On petition of George Hills to
be paid for damage sustained by change of grade in Church
Street - and of Daniel Northey to be paid for damage sus-
tained by change of grade in Hancock Street in the year 1849,
the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and
accepted.

Petition of Martin Cannon for
leave to move a house from Southam Street to Harrison Avenue. Refer-
red to the Committee on Paving with full power

On petition of Thomas C. Amory
others Ordered: that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized
to construct a cesspool in the passage way in the rear of Ohio Place.

Ed 23, 1854.
Dunbar.

On the petition of J. L. Dunbar for leave to plant trees in the sidewalk of Tiement Street near Church Street, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted under the direction of the Committee on Streets. Read and accepted.

Page, Briggs
& Ballitt.

On petition of Page, Briggs and Ballitt and others for leave to under commercial shed in front of their stores, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that the petitioners have leave withdrawn as the matter can be regulated without further action of this Board. Read and accepted.

Ameydon.
Grand 4.

On petition of John Ameydon and others, that the grade of Pleasant Street may be determined the Committee on Paving reported that said measure is inexpedient. Read and accepted.

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Ordered: That the Committee on Jails be and they are hereby ordered to construct a drain and sewer, with a cess-pool to the same, at the jail in this City.

Pelham

Ordered: That there be paid to Sally Pelham the sum of Twenty five Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of Church Street and Madison Place to her estate on Madison Place, upon her proving her title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.

Ordered: That notice be given by 693

that the Voting List for the several Wards of the City of Boston Oct. 23 1854.
are now completed, and that copies of them may be seen at the room
of the Mayor and Aldermen, at the office of the Mayor, City Hall
and one copy at or near the place of voting in each Ward: and
requesting all legal voters of the City to see that their names are
properly registered as such, and calling particularly upon the follow-
ing persons to see if their names are correctly inserted, viz: Per-
sons taxed in other Wards than those in which they resided in
May last. Persons taxed without their given names. Persons who
have paid a tax assessed upon them within two years, and who
have been inhabitants of the City since the first of May last. Persons
inhabitants of the City who have received no tax bill for 1854.
Naturalized Citizens. Strangers who have reached their majority since
the first of May last. Those persons who have not paid a tax as-
sessed upon them within two years have no right to vote. The
Mayor and Aldermen will attend at their room, City Hall,
every day until the eleventh day of November next, inclusive, for
the purpose of inserting the names of all legal voters, which, through
accident or mistake, may have been omitted. All persons who wish
to have their names corrected or inserted must bring their Tax
Bills with them.

On motion of Alderman Allen- Voting lists.

Ordered: That this Board cause all names of foreigners be strick-
en from the Voting list except they produce their naturalization
papers as proof of their being citizens of this country.

Whereas the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston by a Resolution passed December 15, 1853. have there-
fore.

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South St.

look and laid out as a public street for the purpose of widening South
 had in said city a parcel of land belonging to the Boston and
 Worcester Railroad Corporation bounded and described as follows, to
 wit, Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the said premises at
 the northeasterly corner of Spring and Utica Streets, thence run-
 ning northwardly bounded by Utica Street twenty seven feet and
 forty two hundredths of a foot; thence northeastwardly along the
 proposed line of widening of South Street one hundred & eighty
 three feet; thence southwestwardly by South Street one hundred &
 seventy three feet and twenty hundredths of a foot, and thence
 southwestwardly by Spring Street, thirty three feet and twenty one
 hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning: containing thirty
 seven hundred and twenty four square feet more or less. Now know
 all men by these presents that the said Corporation in consideration
 of Ten thousand five hundred dollars to them paid by the said
 City of Boston the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and in
 the further consideration of the conditions hereinafter contained
 doth hereby release and discharge the said City of Boston all claims
 or damages or compensation on account of the said taking, pro-
 vided however, and this release and discharge is given and is
 received on the express condition that the several railroad tracks
 constructed and used by the said Corporation across the said street
 to pass and repass to and from their lands and wharves lying
 on each side of the said street, shall remain and be used by
 the said Corporation to pass and repass with their cars and that
 the said Corporation may replace the same when necessary but
 shall not permit their cars to obstruct the use of the said street
 as a public highway wider than is necessary for the passage
 of their cars, and shall keep the same in reasonable repair and

condition at the expense of said Corporation: and on the further con- 695
dition that in case the said City or any of its officers acting under Oct. 23, 1854.
the authority of the City Government shall ever remove or order
to be removed any of the said tracks or obstruct or prevent the
use thereof by the said Corporation as aforesaid, the said Corpora-
tion shall recover of the said City full damages for all the inju-
ry sustained by them in consequence of said removal, obstruction
or hindrance, in addition to the sum above acknowledged to have
been received, and it is expressly agreed and understood that in
case of such removal neither the City nor any of its officers shall
set up any statute of limitations against the said Railroad Corpo-
ration in respect to any suit or claim it may institute for the tak-
ing of the said land for a public street. In witness whereof the
said Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation have caused their
Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed
by Thomas Hopkinson, President of said Corporation this thirtieth
day of October, One thousand eight hundred and fifty four. The
Boston and Worcester Railroad by Thos. Hopkinson, President & Seal.
Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of David Wilder Jr. Memoran-
dum. It is understood that the City of Boston does not waive any
right it had to remove the rails on the land described in the fore-
going taking before the same are taken. Thos. Hopkinson, Pres. of
the Boston and Worcester R.R. Co. Witness S. H. Quincy. Boston Oct. 30, 1854
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk Co. Boston Oct. 30, 1854. Then
personally appeared before me the within named Thomas Hopkinson,
President, and acknowledged the within instrument to be the free
act and deed of the Boston & Worcester Railroad Corporation. David
Wilder, Jr. Jus. Place. Cited: That there be paid to the Boston and
Worcester Rail Road Corporation the sum of Ten thousand five hun-

Order to pay

096. tied dollars which together with the agreements and conditions
of the foregoing release, which is hereby approved and adopted is
paid a compensation in consequence of the widening of South Street
and the same is to be charged to the appropriation for undigested
claims for widening streets. (The above release was executed
on the 30th Oct. after its approval by the Board on the 23rd Oct.)

Adjourned to Thursday next, at seven o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Thursday the Twenty sixth day of October, Anno Domini, 1854

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Dunham, Wash-
burn and O'Brien.

Holmes

Petition of Oliver W. Holmes, M.D. that
bodies of dissected paupers at Sea Land may be delivered to him for the
Anatomical Society for the purposes of anatomical Science. Referred to the Mayor.

Birmingham

Communication of Selectmen of Bir-
mingham respecting injuries sustained by Henry Wade on property
of the City in that town. Referred to the Committee on Claims, and
down for concurrence, same up answered.

The report of the Committee on 697.

Finance on the subject of the appropriation for incidental expenses, Oct. 26, 1834. Incidental expenses.
which was recommended by the Finance Council to the said Committee with instructions to report the details of such expenditures for the last five years, and which recommendation was laid on the table Oct. 23. was taken therefrom and this Board nonconcurred in said re-commitment. Sent down.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, James North Street.
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that North Street should be widened at the corner of Black Street, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to John H. James that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of his land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday the thirtieth day of October instant at 4 o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Agreeably to assignment the
two branches of the City Council having assembled

In Convention

for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives which
it is expedient for the City to send to the next General Court. Mr. number
Plummer of Ward 7 offered the following resolution and order which determined.
were adopted, viz: resolved by the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston in City Council assembled, that
it is expedient for the City to send Forty Four representatives to the
next General Court of this Commonwealth. Ordered: That the City
Clerk be directed to publish this determination. The business of the Convention having been accomplished, the two branches separated and the Board
Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

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At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the thirtieth day of October, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman O'Brien.

Finch.

Communication of Abraham Finch
concerning the Ordinance respecting Turnings and Shades. Referred
to the Committee on Streets.

Gerrish

Petition of Israel H. Gerrish for abate-
ment of assessment for a drain in Sudbury Street. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Parker & Hall.

Petition of Parker & Hall and others
that Washington Street, below Essex Street, may be re-numbered.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Alwood.

Petition of Elisha Alwood for per-
mission to open a cellar doorway in South Cedar Street. Referred to
the Committee on Paving.

Tarr

Petition of D. W. Tarr & Co. for leave
to remove a wooden building from Concord to Worcester Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Sailey.

Petition of James Sailey to be paid for
damage sustained from a change of grade in Church Street. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Paving.

Lawrence.

Petition of James Lawrence and
others that Congress Street may be graded. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Petition of Miene Bayersdorf 699.
for leave to keep an Intelligence Office. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Oct. 30. 1854.
Supervisors.

Petition of Robert Marsh for
leave to exchange a piece of land in West End for an equal Marsh.
parcel, belonging to the Public Library, &c. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 2.
Came up concurred.

Petition of Engine Company No. 1 Engine Co. 1.
for an Alarm bell upon the Visitation School House. Referred to the
Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 2. Came
up concurred.

Communication from the Directors House of
of the House of Industry re. respecting accommodations for transient House of Industry
Referred to the Committee on the House of Industry. Sent down for concurrence.
Nov. 2. Came up concurred.

Petition of Otis Churchill for leave Churchill
to purchase a water lot belonging to the City on Charles Street.
Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concu-
rence. Nov. 2. Came up concurred.

Petition of Lawrence Richards for Richards
change in the conditions of sale of certain lots of land to him. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.
Nov. 2. Came up concurred.

On petition of William Motony for Motony
leave to keep open his cigar store in Paris Street. The Committee
on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

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Library

Ordered: That the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston be and they are hereby requested to present their Annual Report to the City Council in print. Sent down for concurrence.

Robinson's
Alley

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Robinson's Alley with brick or stone as he shall deem expedient.

High Street.
Jones val.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that High Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City a parcel of land belonging to John Thomas, Frederic Jones, William Savage, and Alexander Strong, bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by High Street, there measuring one hundred and nineteen feet and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a foot; Southwestwardly by land of Heirs of James Allen, nine feet and sixty seven hundredths of a foot; and Northwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, one hundred and sixteen feet and $\frac{32}{100}$ of a foot; containing five hundred and forty four square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by E. B. Chebrough dated October 30th 1834 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said High Street as aforesaid, will amount to nearly seven hundred fifty dollars: which sum together with the amount

of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in aid, &c. 701,
during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five Oct. 30. 1854.
thousand dollars.

Ordered: That Warrants be Warrants
issued for meetings of the legal voters of this City in their respec- for Ward
tive Wards on Monday the Thirtieth day of November, next, at meetings.
6 o'clock, A.M. then and there to give in ballots for a Governor, Lieut-
enant Governor, Six Senators, for the District of Suffolk, and Forty
four Representatives to represent the City of Boston in the next Gener-
al Court of this Commonwealth, the number being the number deter-
mined on by the City Council. Also calling upon the citizens of
Wards N^o 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to give in their ballots for an Inhabitant
of District N^o 2, to represent said District in the next Congress of the
United States; and the citizens of Wards N^o 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, to
give in their ballots for an inhabitant of District N^o 4, to represent
said District in the next Congress of the United States. All the forego-
ing to be voted for on one ballot. Also, at the same time & place,
to give in their votes on one other ballot upon the following ques-
tions - viz: 1. Are you in favor of accepting an Act entitled "An Act
to revise the Charter of the City of Boston" passed April 24, 1854, (being
Chap. 448)? 2. Are you in favor of accepting an Act entitled "An
Act in addition to an Act to revise the Charter of the City of Boston,
passed April 24, 1854, being Chap. 449"? The polls to be kept open
until 4 o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer Tax-payers
be directed to designate upon the Voting Lists the names of such delinquent
persons as have not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years

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 Green 710
 coupons

Ordered: That the Treasurer be
 hereby authorized to pay to Messrs Gossler & Co. or to any one else to
 whom he may be satisfied that anything is due, for interest coupons
 on City Stock, in all cases where said coupons are supposed to
 have been lost; he requiring from the parties, to whom such pay-
 ment is made, a satisfactory guarantee for the re-imbursement of
 any payment thereby, in consequence of the actual presenta-
 tion of said coupons. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
 concurrence. Read and concurred.

Harrison
 Avenue.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police
 be directed to notify the abutters on Harrison Avenue, between Oak &
 Dover Streets who have not brick sidewalks in front of their estates
 to cause brick sidewalks to be laid forthwith.

Northampton
 & Grinden St.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be
 authorized to remove all projections existing over the line of Northamp-
 ton and Grinden Street, between Shawmut Avenue and Washing-
 ton Street.

House of
 Industry.
 Broadway

The Joint Special Committee to
 whom was referred the communication from the Directors of the
 House of Industry and the order which passed the Board of Mayor
 & Aldermen Aug. 4. to the effect that the Directors of the House of
 Industry be authorized to remove all the wooden buildings on the
 line of Broadway, A. Boston, respectfully submit the following Report.
 That upon inquiry they find that the Committee on Paving di-
 rected and commenced the moving of buildings connected with
 the House of Industry, and it became necessary for the Board of
 Directors of said House, to erect a high fence, and do other repairs
 for the House of juvenile offenders in order to ensure the safe keep-

ing of the prisoners therein. The order which your Committee are now 703
considering passed the Board of Mayor & Aldermen Aug. 4. The Oct. 30. 1854.
Council did not meet until the last of September. The work on the
Streets, where the Buildings stood, was commenced early in June
in pursuance of an order passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Feb. 12. 1854, and the Committee are aware that the work
was nearly completed before the Council met; yet such was the situ-
ation of the buildings, and such the large number of boys under the
charge of the Directors of the House of Juvenile Offenders, that it was
absolutely necessary to do the work, and make the repairs before
alluded to. The work has been under the superintendence of one
of the Committee on Public Buildings, and the Committee are of
the opinion that the whole matter so far as the Directors are concern-
ed has been managed as economically as possible, and in con-
sideration of these facts your Committee would recommend the
passage of the order now presented, as a substitute for the original
order. For the Committee Jewish Burial Ground: That the Di-
rectors of the House of Industry &c. be and they are hereby authorized
to make any repairs and alterations in their buildings, & fence
which have been rendered necessary by the removal of any of
their buildings in the grading of Broadway Street. Read and
accepted and the order passed, sent down for concurrence. Nov. 2.
Same up concurred.

Ordered: That the Superinten- E. Street
dent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby, authorized to construct Sewer.
a common sewer in E. Street, from Eighth Street to Greenwich Lane,
and apportion the expense thereof upon the estates benefitted ac-
cording to law.

Oct. 30. 1854. in Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to consider
 wants and report what further action, if any, is necessary concerning
 truant children and absences from School. Passed in Common
 Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Worcester
 Square.

The Committee on Finance hav-

ing had under consideration the communication from the Pres-
 ident of the Public Land Commissioners, respectfully recommend,
 that: that part of the communication which relates to the change
 of the line of passageway in the rear of Worcester Square, be refer-
 red to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets: that
 part which relates to the sewers in Camden Street be referred to the
 Committee on Sewers and Drains. For the Committee, J. V. C. Smith,
 Chairman. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Camden
 Street.

Swallow-

On petition of Asa Swallow for

Temple Street
 sewer.

the lowering of the Temple Street sewer, near Cambridge Street,
 the Committee on Sewers reported that the prayer of the petitioner
 be granted and that the Superintendent of Sewers be authorized to
 lower said sewer. Read & accepted.

Engine House

Ordered: That the sum of twenty

at
 East Boston.

five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated
 for the purpose of erecting an Engine House at East Boston, the
 same to be charged to the appropriation for Engine House, &c. Passed
 in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Forrestall

Ordered: That there be paid to

Lyra Forrestall late Superintendent of Internal Health, his full

salary for the quarter ending October 1st 1851^B, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Internal Improvement, in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the room now occupied by the Primary School, be assigned for the use of the Public Land Commissioners, jointly with the Primary School Committee, and the expense of fitting up the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amendment. At A. strike out all after "Commissioners." Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 2. Came up concurred.

The Mayor, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. O. W. Holmes, recommended the passage of the following order, which was adopted, viz: Ordered: That permission be and the same is hereby given to Professor Oliver W. Holmes to take the dead bodies of such persons dying at Deer Island as are required to be buried at the public expense, said Holmes to give a bond to this Board with satisfactory sureties to comply with the Statutes of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was submitted the subject of the Jail Lands, submitted a report in print, being City Document No. 70, wherein they recommend that the Committee on Public Lands confer with Mr. John McElroy, and to propose to repay him all the expense he laid out upon said land upon a surrender of the same to the City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Agreeably to notice John W. James
Oct. 30 1854 appeared and objected to the line of North Street near Clark
North Street which it is proposed to give him after the contemplated widening; - after which the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

New York
Central R.R. On petition of the Boston and New
York Central Railroad Company, for leave to lay down a temporary
track in Dorchester Avenue, the Committee on Paving reported,
that no further action is necessary. Accepted.

Beckwith On petition of Geo. C. Beckwith and
others that Beuch Street may be re-numbered, the Committee on
Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Auctioneer
Intelligence
Office Charles Smith was appointed an
Auctioneer of the City at 44 Union Street; and William H. Leherly
was licensed to keep an Intelligence Office at 21 Exchange Street.

Locke On petition of Philip A. Locke for leave
to set out trees on Washington Street, between Northampton & Camden
Streets the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted, the
work to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.

Boyd
East Canton On petition of Francis Boyd the
Committee on Paving reported, that it is inexpedient to take any ac-
tion in relation to the grade of East Canton Street, at the present time.
Accepted.

Special
Police Levi Whitecomb was appointed a
Special Police Officer for the Lowell Institute.

The Mayor nominated Cyrus 707.

Frederick Constable of the Water, vice James P. Rice removed, and William Chaulbrun vice George W. Hien resigned. Read on the table. Oct: 30. 1854 Water.

Alderman Dunham called East Boston up from the table the report of the Joint Special Committee on School House. the subject of the sale of the East Boston School House lot, and after a short discussion on the same, the subject was taken upon the table, and the Board

Adjourned to Thursday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Second day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Westburn.

Petition of G. B. Batchelder for leave to construct an iron grating in the sidewalk of Bowdoin Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Batchelder

Petition of John Colliamore Jr. that the Franklin Street sewer may be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers. Colliamore

Petition of Samuel Prince for renewal of lease of hall in the Hancock School House. Referred to the Committee on Sewers. Prince

708. red to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Police

Report of the Chief of Police & Captain of the Watch for the month of October was read and placed on file.

City

Registrar

Report of the City Registrar shewing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury for the quarter ending Oct. 31 the sum of \$250. was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

City Clerk

Report of the City Clerk shewing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury for the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1854 the sum of \$194.37. was read and sent down. In Common Council placed on file.

Hayweigher's
report

Report of the Hayweigher for the Northern Series shewing that he had received and paid into the City Treasury fifty per cent of the sum of \$288.94 for the quarter ending Oct. 31 was read and sent down. In Common Council, placed on file.

Grice

Petition of James B. Grice for leave to purchase flats of the City at the foot of Mt. Vernon Street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ward 7.
Wardens for
meetings

Petition of the Ward Officers of Ward No. 7 that a more convenient hour for opening the Polls at the ensuing election may be designated, was read and thereupon Alderman Allen moved that the hour of seven be substituted for 6 A.M. which motion was adopted.

The Joint Standing Committee 709.

on claims to whom was referred the communication of the said men of Framingham respecting injuries sustained by Henry Wade on property of the City in that town, having considered the subject, recommend the reference of said communication to the Board of Water Ward. For the Committee, J. Gunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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Wade.

Framingham.

The Joint Standing Committee

Darvis.

on claims, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Darvis to be paid for injury sustained by his horse from an alleged defect in Charles Street respectfully report, that they are satisfied, on an examination of the case, that the injury is not one for which the City is either legally or equitably liable, and they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Gunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Memorial of Board of Public

South Bay

Land Commissioners respecting the present state of the South Bay Lands, was referred to the Joint Special Committee, on so much of the Mayor's address as relates to the Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Lands.

On motion of Alderman Odierne

Lunatic

the report of the Joint Special Committee of the City Council to which were referred the papers of last year in relation to a New Hospital for the Insane. For, was taken from the table, and the order appended thereto (as recorded on page 662.) was passed with the following amendments, at B. strike out "and purchase" and at C. add "and report the same to the City Council." Sent down for concurrence.

Hospital.

Petition of C. W. Butchelder for appointment on the Police. Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Sixth day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Williams.

Hahn

Petition of Jacob Hahn for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in Border Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Humphrey

Petition of Almon Humphrey and others respecting the ownership of the sewer in rear of East Canton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Smith & Talbot

Petition of Smith and Talbot to be reimbursed for the expense of filling up a portion of Lincoln Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Putt

Petition of Phoebe J. Putt to be paid

Proctor

the damage sustained by change of grade in South Street.

Petition for leave to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk
in Salem Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving &c. 711.
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Petition of J. B. Spure for abate-
ment of a nuisance on College Street. Referred to the Committee
on Internal Health. Spure

Petition of Risley and Swain
for leave to give an Exhibition of Indian life and customs at
the Howard Athenaeum. of J. B. Swain for leave to give a con-
cert at Williams Hall, Nov. 30th. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses. Risley
Swain.

Petition of C. P. Woodlidge and
seventy other ladies for abatement of a nuisance caused by
Seth Adams' Factory on Follen's Wharf. Referred to the Committee
on Internal Health with authority to print the same. Woodlidge
Seth Adams.

Petition of Harvey Jewell and
others for the use of Faneuil Hall Nov. 30. to hold therein a po-
litical meeting. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings
with full power. Jewell
Faneuil Hall.

The Committee on Licenses
to whom was referred the petition of Miss Bayersdorf for leave
to keep an Intelligence Office, reported that the petitioners have
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Bayersdorf

On petition of G. B. Batchelder
for leave to construct an iron grating in the sidewalk in
Bowdoin Street the Committee on Paving reported that the Su-
perintendent of Streets has granted a permit under the author-
Batchelder

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ity of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and that therefore no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Auctioneer

Thomas D. Dalton was appointed an Auctioneer of the City at East Boston until July 1st next.

Bowles

Eighth Street
sewer

On petition of Hiram A. Bowles

and others, for a Common Sewer in Eighth Street, the Committee on Sewers reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted upon their releasing to the City the fee of Eighth Street, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages. Read and accepted.

Street

On petition of Maria Howard for

permission to open a public drainage in South Cedar Street the Committee on Sewing reported that leave be granted in compliance with the Ordinances of the City and under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets. Read and accepted.

Williamson

On petition of John Williamson, Jr.

that the sewer in Franklin Street be lowered, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted upon the condition that he pay three fourths of the expense of the lowering of the Common Sewer. Read and accepted.

Matthews

The Committee on Sewers and

Drains, to whom was referred the subject of the petition of Salmon Matthews respecting an assessment for construction of a sewer in Clark Street, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee 713

on Ordinances consider the expediency of providing that each person doing business in the City shall have a suitable sign at his place of business and report by Ordinance or otherwise. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Nov. 6, 1854
Sign.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the petition of James Lawrence and others to have Congress (formerly Atkin) Street graded, would respectfully report that it is inexpedient to repair said street at the present time, for the reasons that it is in contemplation to make further improvements on the line of said street between Milk and Channing Streets, early next spring, and foundations have already been commenced on the southerly corner of Channing Street, for another new block. To repave the street at the present time would, in the opinion of your Committee, be a useless expenditure of money, they therefore recommend that the petition be referred to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Read and accepted. Lawrence.
Congress St.

Ordered: That so much of the order passed Nov. 11th 1853, as provides that "whenever any ice or snow shall encumber the streets he shall cause the same to be removed and the expense thereof to be charged to the Internal Health department," be and the same hereby is rescinded. The said work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets and the expense thereof charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Ice & Snow.

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of increasing Lumber
By: Surveyors

714 ing the number of Sepulchre Surveys which may be appointed by the Surveyor General of Land. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Second Street

Sur.

Whereas, the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company in constructing their road through South Boston have cut off the Common Sewer in Second Street, west of B. Street, therefore Ordered, that the Superintendent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby, authorized to construct a common sewer on the north side of Second Street, which at the present time is covered over, and obstructed by certain buildings, said to have been erected by P. A. Slane.

Watch

Commission.

Cyrus Small was appointed a constable in the Watch in place of J. F. Rice removed and William Chadburn in place of George W. Allan resigned.

Market

Up. Report

The Superintendent of Manuic Shell Market presented to the Board his report of receipts for the quarter ending Oct. 31 from which it appears that he has paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$11,700.00. Read & placed on file.

Eaton.

Petition of William D. Eaton to be remunerated the expense of arresting certain parties in the discharge of his duty. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 9. Came up concurred.

Gudley

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of E. G. Gudley Report: That the prayer of the petitioner is granted provided he

shall obtain from the owners of adjoining lots their consent in writing to the proposed changes; said lots having been sold according to a plan drawn by the City Engineer April 4th 1853. Motion Wilton, fr. in the Committee. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the sum of Twelve thousand dollars be transferred from the appropriation for the House of Industry &c. and added to the appropriation for incidental expenses. Passed in Common Council May 2nd 1854. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas 11. Nays 2. Messrs. Munroe, Dingley, Dunham, Washburn, Drake, Osborne & Noyes c.

The Committee on Internal Health is to whom was referred the two following orders, viz: Sep. 25 1854. That the Committee on Internal Health be, and are hereby authorized to examine into the present mode of conveying prisoners to the Jail from the Station houses &c. and to report some method by which such conveyances can be made more comfortably to the prisoners, and less expensive to the City. And the order of Oct. 10. 1854. to this effect, that the Committee on Internal Health report what amount is paid by the City for temporary confinement of persons arrested by the Police and Watch for petty offences and whether any mode can be adopted whereby it will be at less expense to the City. respectfully submit the accompanying report: That the amount expended by the City for the transport of prisoners from the various Station-Houses to the building in the Jail Yard is \$2700. which sum has been paid to Mr. Jonas Stratton who has a good team, and substantial vehicle, which receives the approbation of the Committee. Mr. Stratton now

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receives twenty five cents for the carriage of each prisoner, which
the Committee believe to be sufficient for his services. The Committee
are informed that a new arrangement has recently been made,
whereby the various parties are charged with the twenty five cents
for carriage, as costs, and when such parties are able to pay this sum,
the City is thereby relieved. The Committee recommend that Mr.
Stratton be employed to convey the various parties as he now
does, from the several Station Houses to the building now used near
Cambridge Street, and that he be allowed to charge each prisoner
so conveyed, the sum of thirty cents. But when the amount cannot
be collected from the said parties, and the same is to be paid
by the City & County Treasurer then twenty cents only shall be allowed
him for each and every prisoner conveyed by him, provided that
such conveyance be done to the satisfaction of the Board of Aldermen
and Aldermen. Relative to the order of Oct. 16. the Committee are
informed by the Treasurer that during the last year there has
been paid for key fees \$454.20. also there has been paid for the
first two quarters of the present year \$240 for key fees - and no
part of the money is refunded to the City or County. The mode of
doing the business is very simple. Mr. Stratton from 9 to 12 o'clock
at night, collects from the various 'lock ups' persons accused of drunk-
enness &c and conveys them to the building in the Jail Yard,
twenty cents is there charged for every person so received, and
in the morning when such parties are taken out, an addition
of 20 cents is charged, making forty cents in all for key fees for
each person, and this charge is the same whether a prisoner
stays there six hours or thirty minutes. The conveyance from the
Jail Yard to the Court House is done by the Committee in 'internal
hush', and the expenses which are estimated at \$1000 per annum.

are defrayed out of their appropriation. The exact amount cannot
be ascertained, as this Committee keep their horses with the other
horses used by the City. In conclusion, your Committee offer and
would recommend the passage of the following orders for the Com-
mittee, Josiah Dunham Jr. Ordered: That the brick building in
the southeast corner of the Jail Yard near Cambridge Street, and
not connected with the Jail building, be used for the temporary de-
tention of persons arrested by the Police and Watch and not yet
examined before any magistrate. Ordered: That the said premises
be under the care and custody of such officer or officers as shall
be designated for that purpose by the Mayor and confirmed by
this Board. Ordered: That the salary of the keeper of said build-
ing shall not exceed the sum of nine hundred dollars per an-
num, and that the same be payable quarterly and that the
salary of all subordinate officers shall not exceed the sum
of six hundred and fifty dollars per annum for each officer-
said salaries to commence from the first day of December next
and to be chargeable to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.
Read and laid upon the table and thereupon it was Ordered:
That His Honor the Mayor be requested to obtain the opinion in
writing of the City Solicitor on the right of the County Commis-
sioners to set apart the building situated in the Jail Yard
for the purpose of a stock up for persons who are arrested for
drunkenness and other crimes.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Congress
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to
take, and lay out as a public Street or way of the said City,
a parcel of land belonging to Samuel Stanford bounded as follows,

Congress
Street.
Stanford.

Nov. 6. 1854. Northeastwardly by Congress Street, three measuring eighty feet; Southeastwardly by land of James G. Russell two feet and $\frac{1}{100}$ of a foot; Southwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, eighty feet and $\frac{2}{100}$ of a foot; and Northwardly by Channing Street, two feet and $\frac{60}{100}$ of a foot; containing two hundred and seventeen square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chesbrough dated February 20th 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Congress Street, as aforesaid, will amount to One thousand dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

North Street
James

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that North street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to John W. Homer bounded as follows, viz: Eastwardly by North Mud, three measuring thirty seven feet and $\frac{60}{100}$ of a foot; Southwardly by the same, eleven feet and $\frac{40}{100}$ of a foot; Westwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, being the front line of Jefferson Block, so called, extended northwardly 38 $\frac{50}{100}$ feet; and Northwardly by Clark Street, ten feet and $\frac{20}{100}$ of a foot; containing four hundred and seventeen square feet, more

or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board, to take the said parcel of land for the purpose above said, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said city according to a plan of the said widening made by E. A. Chebrough dated May 1st 1854 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said North street, as aforesaid, will amount to three thousand one hundred and eighty five dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 23^d Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Treasury, to whom was referred the Treasurer's application for the usual appropriation to pay for extra clerks in his office, have considered the subject and recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, Turnham Turner. Ordered: That the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars be paid to W. Tracy, City and County Treasurer to defray the expense of Extra Clerk here in his office and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Salaries listed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having amended the order of this Board passed October 30th recorded on page 70, authorizing the Trustees of the Public Library to report in

to print by adding at A "and that they be allowed to print five thousand copies" said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Chief Engineer
Fire Dept.
Water
Registrar.

The election of a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department which was specially assigned for today, was laid upon the table. and a motion to take from the table the election of a Water Registrar was lost.

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Ninth day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Dunham.

Raymond.

Petition of Edward A. Raymond that curbing stones be laid in Concord Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Moore.

Petition of Charles H. Moore and others that a lamp be placed and lighted at corner of Concord and Newland Streets. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Wells.

On petition of J. M. P. Wells Tho Evans was appointed a Special Police Officer for St. Stephen's Church.

Petition of Charles Ewer's 721.

executor for payment of damages sustained by said Ewer from Nov. 9, 1854.
the construction of a Reservoir in Town Place in 1833. Referred to the Com.
Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-
curred.

Petition of Michael Morrison Morrison.

for leave to move a wooden building from Howe Street to Hos-
ton Court. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

The Board of Trustees of the Library

Public Library presented to the City Council their Annual Re-
port in print being City Document No. 4. Read and referred to the
Committee on the Library. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-
curred.

Whereas it appears to this Board Fayette

that a nuisance exists in Fayette Street occasioned by an obstruct-
ed drain either in said Fayette Street, or in Knox or Bay Streets,
and whereas it appears that Thomas C. Warren, Sarah Haynes,
David Young, John Swell, John T. Young, Walter Paul Fair-
bank, the City of Boston, Stephen Field, Frederic Hi-
son, James M. Sargent, William Brown, Wm. S. Thacher, John W.
Lyger, Hiram H. Colbeck, John T. Young, John L. Dickum, James
Colbeck, George F. Parkman Lewis Wilder, John Rogers, Samuel
H. Hinkley, Lucy Salisbury, Wm. Burdick, Wm. H. Hinkley, J. S. Hubbard,
Nahum Brigham, etc. & Brigham, James Gooding, Francis Good-
wick, John Emerson, Henry A. Smith, and Martin R. Herrick—
owners of said drains, though duly notified, have neglected to
abate said nuisance. It is therefore hereby ordered that the Super-
intendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to cause all

722. obstructions to be removed from said drains or either of them
and said drains if defective to be repaired at the expense of
the said owners thereof.

lock-up

Geo. S. Willard, Esquire, City Solicitor,
in obedience to the order of this Board dated Nov. 6th last trans-
mitted an opinion in writing, wherein the power of the Mayor &
Aldermen to set apart some convenient place for the temporary
detention of persons arrested but not convicted of crimes and
misdemeanors is fully established. Read and placed on file.

Shelling's

heirs

Ordered: That there be paid to the
heirs of John Shelling the sum of eight hundred dollars for land
taken to widen Salem Street, upon their giving to the City a Deed
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the
same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims
for laying out and widening Streets.

Dorchester St.

own.

Ordered: That the sum of ninety nine
dollars and thirty five cents be paid by an order of this Board
upon Frederick Glover for his proportional part of the cost of con-
structing the common sewer in Dorchester and Seventh Streets be
and the same is hereby ordered and the said amount is hereby
assessed upon John Gove he being the owner of the lot assessed.

Peoples Ferry

Co.

Commercial

Street.

Alderman Dingley, from the Com-
mittee on Streets, read to the Board a quit claim deed of the land
taken from the Peoples Ferry Company for the purpose of widening
Commercial Street and also an petition of said Company to

save the City harmless from all claims and demands against 723
the City and from all damages arising from the use of said land Nov. 7, 1854.
as a public highway - and he moved the acceptance of said
instruments by the Board. Read and laid upon the table.

On motion of Alderman Committee
Odiorne - Messrs. Odiorne, Dingley and Drake were appointed a to examine
Committee to examine the returns of votes to be given on Mon- Votes
day next for State Officers &c. and to report thereon on Wednesday
next at four o'clock, P.M. to which time, the Board

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York at City Hall
on Wednesday the 15th day of November, 1854.
Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of John Banvard Banvard
for leave to give a series of lectures on Sublimity at Horticultural
attracted of Joseph Kentland for a circus license at the New Kentland
and Athenaeum. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of J. L. Smith to be paid Smith
for damage sustained from change of grade in Street that.
Referred to the Committee on Paving

Communication from the Board
Superintendent of Streets, covering a communication from Joseph

724 W. Revore against taking his land in Commercial Street
Nov. 15 1854. unlawfully: was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Taylor. Petition of Abner S. Taylor for the
grade of Chapman Street, and also for liberty to construct cul-
verts under the sidewalk there: of C. A. Hillyfield for leave to
construct a cess pool under the sidewalk in London Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Mussey. Petition of B. B. Mussey &
others that Howard Street be re-numbered. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Rogers. Petition of George Rogers for abate-
ment of assessment for construction of a drain in Newton Place. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Ward. Protest of Nahum Ward &c. against
the payment of his instalment under the House Offal Contract, for
reasons therein set forth. Referred to the Committee on Internal
Health.

Foster. Petition of W. H. Foster and others
that a Fire Engine and apparatus be located at the Southwark sec-
tion of the City. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Police. On nomination by the Mayor
James Clift was appointed a Special Police Officer for Aquarium
Hall, South Boston.

Risley. Leave was granted to Risley
and Surin to give an exhibition of Indian Customs at the Free
and Athenaeum.

Petition of William S. Fay & 725.

for abatement of taxes. Referred to the committee on the 15th Nov. 1854.
for Department, went down for concurrence. Nov. 16 came up
considered.

Communication was received Water Board.
from John A. Wilkins tendering his resignation as a member of
the Abolition Water Board. Read and sent down. In Common
Council placed on file.

Leave was granted N. B. Proctor.
Proctor, Jr. to construct a level hole under the sidewalk, under the
supervision of the Superintendent of Streets.

On petition of Andrew T. Hall Hall.
and others the Superintendent of Streets was authorized to straighten
so much of the sidewalk on the Western Avenue as he shall
deem expedient.

On petition of Jacob Hahn & Hahn
for the return therein set forth. Ordered: That the sum of \$42.75
applied upon Jacob Hahn for his proportional part of the cost of
constructing a sewer in Border Street, be and the same is hereby
by abated.

The Committee on Internal Spare.
Smith to whom were referred the petition of J. J. Spore for abate-
ment of a nuisance on Cottage Street - of A. Randall & others Randall.
for abatement of a nuisance in Ashua Street - and of True
Tower and others for abatement of a nuisance in an alley from
North Street to North Market Street, reported, that said nuisan-
ces having been abated, no further action thereon is required.
Read and accepted.

On petition of Michael Tighe
 No. 15, 1854 and other employees of the City in the Department of Internal
 Tighe. Health, for an increase of wages, the Committee on Internal
 Health reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Northampton

Shed.

Ordered: That the Chief of
 Police be authorized to cause the fence upon the corner of Shawmut
 Avenue and Northampton Street, to be set back upon the line as
 given by the City Engineer; also to have all projections on the
 passage way in the rear removed.

Revere.

Commercial
 Street.

Ordered: That due notice be
 given to Joseph W. Revere that this Board intend to widen Com-
 mercial Street by taking land belonging to him at the head of
 North Battery Wharf and lay out the same as a public street -
 and that Monday the twentieth day of November inst. at four
 o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objection
 which may be made thereto.

Newcomb

leave was granted to Mr. New-
 comb to give a concert at Williams Hall on Nov. 30, 1854

Insane
 Hospitals.

Whereas a Committee, at the ex-
 pense of the public have recently travelled South, searching for
 Insane hospitals, and one of that Committee having taken notes
 relating to said hospitals of much importance to the public, there-
 fore be it Ordered: that said Committee be requested to fur-
 nish the City Council with a copy of their report in order that it
 may be printed for public distribution. Passed in Common Coun-
 cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and indefinitely postponed.

Whereas a draft was drawn 727

on the Treasurer of the City by His Honor the Mayor for and in honor of a Committee of the City Council having under consideration the subject of a Lunatic Hospital, and said draft being signed by a majority of the Committee of Accounts and countersigned by the Auditor at the request of the Mayor was presented and paid by the Treasurer - And whereas such expenditure was in direct contravention of the expressed will of this Council, therefore, Ordered: That the opinion of the City Solicitor be taken on the legality of such draft, and also the legality of such expenditure, unsupported by a vote of the City Council, but in opposition to the opinion of one branch thereof nearly unanimously expressed. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Ordered: That the Committee - Jones

on Accounts be authorized to approve and allow the payments of the following accounts of members of this Council, provided they should be satisfied of their correctness: Viz: Doctor Geo. L. Jones for professional services in the case of a Police Officer - \$1. David Bryant, for Surgicing Joe at the Public Garden. 1876. James Fisher for services as Auctioneer in sundry sales made by order of the City, since April 1853 - 202.50 - Also that of Dr. Thaxter of South Boston, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Lunatic Hospital, for professional services in the case of John S. Orr. 10. - Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amendment, insert at A and upon said bills being approved by the several Committees authorizing the same. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 16. Came up concurred. Welch. Thaxter.

Nov. 15. 1854. a woman was referred the petition of Lawrence Richards report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Stephen Tilton, Jr. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Tolson
State Officers.

The Committee appointed to examine the returns of votes cast on Monday last for Governor, Lt. Governor, members of Congress, Senators and Representatives, reported that the returns from the several Wards were correctly made and votes accorded in the Book kept for that purpose from which it appeared that the whole number of votes for Representatives was 13,582. Necessary for a choice 6,791. Eligible: Rudwin, George T. Sigler, Samuel A. Marlbury, John D. Mayton, David Bryant, Head of George Johnson, George T. Shipt, John A. Black, Herold Cole, James A. Collins, Micah Iyer, Jr. James E. Farwell, Jonas Fitch, John S. H. Pogg, James C. Johnson, William C. French (Maj.) Nathl M. George, J. Roctor Haskins, Edward W. Hinks, Joseph Hiff, Merrill C. Johnson, Stephen Lovell, Achemish P. Mann, Julian O. Mann, Watson G. Mayo, Abel B. Munroe, John R. Mullin, Stephen G. Nash, Samuel Neal, Jonathan Rice, Capt. Charles F. Shaps, Nathaniel King, James G. Henderson, Stephen H. Sawyer, Charles W. Slack, James W. Stone, John G. Swift, Luther A. Ward, David Wager, Micah Webb, Edward A. Wenzel, J. W. Williams (Maj.) and Francis B. Winter. Having that number have been duly elected Representatives from this City for the ensuing year. Ordered: That the City Clerk notify the foregoing persons of their Election.

Revised

The Committee asked further time to report upon City Charter. The cost of the buildings upon the revised City Charter which was granted by the Board.

Ordered: That the Committee
on the Harbor take into consideration and report in the next
session of the City of Boston the expediency of selling the Boat Quarantine. Passed in Common Council. Harbor.
City came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having
concurred with this Board in all the amendments proposed
in the Ordinance establishing a Commission upon the subject
of a Building for the Public Library passed March 20th last, with this
additional amendment - insert 'November' instead of 'April', said ac-
tion came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table. Library.

The Common Council having
concurred with this Board in the reference of the Memorial of the Board of
Public Land Commissioners, City of New York, respecting the Public
Lands, with this amendment - strike out all after referred, and in-
sert 'to a Joint Special Committee with full powers' and Messrs.
Tilton, Bonney and Kendall having been appointed said Commit-
tee on the part of the Common Council - said action came
up for concurrence, whereupon this Board receded from its previous
vote of reference, and concurred with the Common Council, and
Aldermen Dinham and Williams were joined on the part of
this Board. South Bay
Lands.

Petition of A. Willard for
lease of a lot of land at the foot of Cambridge Street, referred to
the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence. Willard.

Petition of Louis B. Schwarz for
use of the North End Farm for an Evening School for foreigners. Schwarz.

730 Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings in concu-

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Market

House

for

Ordered: That the Committee on

Public Buildings take into consideration and report on the expedi-
ency of erecting two or more Market houses at different points in
the City, similar to those in Baltimore and other Southern cities
which have open sides, in order that the public may purchase
their provisions directly from the producers. Passed in Common Coun-
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Omnibuses.

Ordered: That the Committee on

Ordinances take into consideration and report an Ordinance com-
pelling Omnibus drivers to receive and discharge their passen-
gers only on the right hand side of the street, the safety and
convenience of the public requiring it. Passed in Common Coun-
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Secretary

Committee

The subject of the election of Secre-

tary to the Joint Standing and Special Committees of the City
Council having been taken from the table, and the
ballots having been collected and counted, it appeared that John
A. Swift was chosen, this Board thereby non-concurring with the
Common Council in the choice of N. G. Snelling, made by that
branch. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 16. Came up concurred.

Burt.

On petition of Charles A. Burt to be

paid for damage sustained to his carriage in Council Street, the
Committee on Paving reported, that they have obtained a state-
ment of facts in the case, which they enclose with the report, and

they recommend that the subject be referred to the Committee on 731
Claims. Accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for con- Nov. 12 1851.
currence. Nov^r 16. Same up concurred.

Alderman Ollorne offered Ordinance.
the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances
be and they are hereby authorized to revise such existing Ordinanc-
es of the City as conflict in any way with any of the provisions of
the new City Charter which has recently been adopted by the citizens
with authority to employ such assistance in the matter as they
may deem necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation
for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims. Alderman Wil-
liams moved to amend said order by striking out at A. all after
the word citizens pending the discussion on which, the subject was
laid upon the table.

Alderman Washburn offered East Boston
the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Public School House
Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a
parcel of land containing about fourteen thousand square feet
situated at the northeastern angle of Summer and Summer
Avenue in East Boston, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Gram-
mar and Primary School House and an engine house, and
ed the cost of said land shall not exceed the sum of eight
thousand nine hundred dollars, the cost to be charged to the
appropriation for School Houses. Read and laid upon the table.
(See page 744)

On motion of Alderman Lock-up
Garrison the report of the Committee on Internal Health on
the subject of the Lock-up at the Jail Yard &c which was
laid upon the table Nov^r 6th last, was taken up, and the orders

732. appended thereto were adopted with their amendment, for
Dec. 13 1884. nine hundred and eight hundred and fifty and for six
hundred and fifty in and seven hundred.

Lock up
entrance to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board
alter or make a new entrance or gate to the Jail premises,
if it should be deemed necessary in consequence of the change
of use of the temporary lockups

Plane
New York
Central
Rail Road.
On petition of Patrick J. Plane
of Boston praying this Board to estimate the damages sustain-
ed by him in consequence of the making, maintaining and lo-
cation of the Boston and New York Central Railroad over the
land owned or leased by him at South Boston, it is hereby Ordered:
That the said Boston and New York Central Rail Road Corporation
and the other parties mentioned in said petition as interested
in said land be notified to appear before this Board on Monday
next the twentieth instant at four o'clock, P.M. at which time
this Board will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for
by said petitioner. And it is further Ordered: that said Corporation
give security to the satisfaction of this Board for the sum of Twen-
ty thousand dollars for the payment of all such damages and
costs as shall be awarded by this Board or by a jury for the land
or other property so taken and that notice be given to said Cor-
poration of this order.

Boylston
School for Boys
Whereas the House of Correction
for Juvenile Offenders to which Juvenile children are now sentenc-
ed pursuant to law; is not able to accommodate said children
together with the Boylston School for Boys - it is therefore hereby

Ordered: That the old Arms House and the buildings connected 735
with the same, at South Boston, be and they, or any of them, be Feb. 13 1854
hereby assigned by the City Council for the accommodation of the
Boylston School for Boys; and that the Directors of the House of Indus-
try are hereby instructed to remove said Boylston School for Boys
to said buildings as soon as practicable, usual. Rent down for
convenience. Nov. 16th same up renewed.

Ordered: That the sum of Ward Officers
fifteen dollars be paid annually to the Ward Officers of each
Ward, to pay for the necessary expense of the several ward
officers on the days of election, and that the same be charged to
Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims - and that the
order of June 7. 1848. be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Whereas Samuel A. Way, in con- Way.
sideration of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to him to be paid Arnold Street.
by the City of Boston, has agreed with said City to indemnify,
and save harmless said City from all costs, expenses, damages
or compensation, accruing, or to accrue to him the said Way
his heirs or assigns, or to any or all of the abutters on Arnold
Street and Shawmut Avenue, by reason of the change of grade
of said Arnold Street; Now therefore, upon said conditions, Ordered:
That the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty dollars be paid
to Samuel A. Way, and that the same be charged to the appro-
priation for Paving &c.

On motion of Alderman Drake Jail Funds
City Sec. A. J. being the report and order of the Common Coun-
cil respecting the Jail Funds was taken from the table, which re-

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port and order are as follows: By an order of the Common Council of February 16th 1854, concurred in by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, February 20th it was ordered that the papers concerning the Public Lands be taken from the files of the last year, together with a communication from the Rev. John McElroy, (requesting the early attention of the present City Government to a petition sent by him to the last City Council,) and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. And that Committee ask leave to submit the following Report: They have investigated the whole subject with a view that ample justice may be done to all interested, and from their investigation, they believe the purchasers of each and every lot bought and built, with the understanding that the restrictions mentioned in the deed to each of them, were to be made in the deed of each and every lot sold, and each purchaser thought his property injured by any non-compliance with said restriction. Notwithstanding the expectation and understanding of the purchasers, the restrictions were partially removed on certain express conditions, (for the means used for their removal, this Committee would refer to City Document N^o 32 of 1853, and forbear further comment upon them.) Suffice to say the conditions of removal have not been complied with; the condition particularly referred to, is the construction of a Sewer, which was to have been completed by the 25th of November, 1853. The Committee have consulted with counsel learned in the law, and their answers confirm them in the opinion that the non-fulfilment of conditions leaves the restrictions in full force. The Rev. Mr. McElroy appeared with counsel before the Committee, and was plainly told the ground taken by them. Since which your Committee have not heard from him or his counsel, although they had hoped some proposal

would come from him which could be recommended to the City Council for their adoption. Among the papers exposed is a report signed by all the members of the Committee on Public Lands of the last year, in which it is stated the City virtually gave a pledge to the owners of estates in the vicinity of the land, that these conditions should be adhered to. The present Committee are of the same opinion, deeming it a duty of the City Council to those owning the above named estates, to fulfil the pledge thus made. They believe the erection of a building of any description other than those named in the restrictions would be a direct violation of contracts made in good faith. The Committee also find two petitions under date of May 10th 1853, one signed by John C. Updegraff for himself and John McCarty, the other signed by August Choate and others, both of which represent the proposed building as an ornament to the City. In the petition signed by Mr. Choate, it is expressed that all religious sects and all classes of the population of the City should have the means of religious instruction. In these remarks the present Committee fully concur, but they cannot see the propriety of ornamenting the City, or giving religious instruction at the expense of a breach of contract or an implicit pledge made by the City in good faith, with other parties. The petition of John C. Updegraff terminates upon a threat in the following language: "It has been suggested that a Catholic Church will naturally gather around it an Irish population, and that the value of real estate in the vicinity will thus be impaired," and "if the petition is rejected it will tend directly to produce the very result, the indirect probability of which seems to be a source of so much apprehension." The Committee, as before stated in this report, have acted with the purpose of doing justice to all parties interested, and they cannot but view this part of the communi-

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cution of Bishop Fitzpatrick with regret, and in reply they would merely say that they have yet to learn that any objection has been made to the erection of a house of worship or education by him, or that they, that would not have been made against the erection of a house of worship or education by any other religious denomination or against a building for public use of any other description, and the Committee can easily conceive other reasons sufficient for those who own dwelling houses in the neighborhood to complain of without referring to the reasons above named, two of which we will state, viz: the frequent gathering together of a large concourse of people for any purpose in a quiet and still neighborhood would be injurious and prejudicial to the value of property for residence, and the frequent ringing or tolling of bells would be annoying, and sufficient for an action at law for damage where there was an obligation in substance, that no building should be erected except such as should be occupied for houses or stores. In conclusion, the Committee would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and the adoption of the accompanying order. J. B. Smith, John T. Singley, William Washburn, Stephen Allen, A. T. Foster, John, James A. Whittemore, Levi Jones. Ordered, that the Committee on Public Lands be a Committee to confer with the Rev. John A. Singley and propose to him that upon his giving to the City a satisfactory deed of all the land bought by him, known as the parcel that said lands, he shall be repaid all the money he has paid for said land. The question being upon concurring with the Common Council in the passage of the said order, Alderman Williams moved to amend said order by striking out at it all after the word "shall", and inserting as follows, viz: "he paid all the money which the City has received for said land."

which amendment was lost by the casting vote of the Mayor. 737

The question then recurring on the passage of the order, Alderman Washburn moved to amend the same by adding to the end thereof the following, viz. provided the City Council shall concur therein, after the exact sum claimed by said Mr. Elroy to have been paid by him for said land shall have been obtained and reported by said Committee to the City Council for their concurrence. After a lengthy discussion on this amendment, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock, A.M. to which hour the Board

Adjourned.

A meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the sixteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

The Board having resumed jail lands ed the consideration of the subject of the jail lands, and the question being upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Alderman Washburn - Alderman Williams offered the following substitute therefor - Ordered: That the report and order be committed to the Committee on Public Lands with instructions to ascertain upon what terms Rev. Mr. McElroy will give a satisfactory deed of all the land bought by him known as the Everett Street jail lands and make a complete and final settlement of the whole matter in controversy between the City and Mr. McElroy.

730. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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Mayor &
Aldermen
Room.

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby ordered to make such alterations as may be required to accommodate the increased number of Aldermen, as provided for in the recent revised City Charter the expense to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Sent down for concurrence.

Nov. 23^d Came up concurred.

Binwood.

Leave was granted to Joseph Binwood to give lectures on Palestine at the Horticultural Hall, in School Street and to Hugh Endland to give a circus exhibition at the Howard Athenæum.

City Charter
votes on.

The Board having examined the returns of votes upon the adoption of the Revised City Charter found them to be as recorded in the Book kept for that purpose from which it appears that Proposition No. 1. was accepted by the following vote - Yeas 9166. Nays 990. Proposition No. 2. was rejected by the following vote Yeas 4833. Nays 2130. - Ordered: That the Mayor be directed to make known the foregoing result to the citizens as required by the Charter.

East Boston
School House

On motion of Alderman Williams the order for the purchase of a new lot of land at East Boston whereon to erect a new School House was taken from the table and in this connection the report of the Committee of Investigation as to the purchase of the present lot for the School House, being City Document No. 12, were all taken from the table and after a lengthy discussion of the matter, the whole subject was re-laid upon the table.

The Bond and Deed of the
Tobias Ferry Company, of land taken by the City to widen Commercial
Street, were taken from the table, and after a discussion on
the subject of their approval by the Board, the further consid-
eration of the same, was postponed to Monday next at 1/2 o'clock
P.M. to which hour the Board

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Tobias Ferry
Commercial
Street.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the Twentieth day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Allen.

Petition of Wyatt Richards and
100 other legal voters for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 28th
instant for a force. Referred to the Committee on Public
Buildings on the part of this Board with full power.

Richards

Petition of William D. Terry for
leave to attach an improved Water Meter to the water works
in the City Hall for trial of its efficacy. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 23rd Same up concurred.

Terry

Petition of Charles Smith, Coroner,
for allowance of a certain bill for official services. Referred to the
Committee on County Accounts

Smith

Feb. 20 1854. Petition of Charles T. Jackson
and others that an extra police force may be stationed near the
Jackson. Howard Athenaeum. Referred to the Mayor with full power.

Thacher

Petition of William L. Thacher &
others that a sewer may be laid in Cold Street. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers and Drains

Jan: Hall

Sept:

Petition of the Superintendent
of Faneuil Hall for an increase of salary as keeper of said Hall.
Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Went down for
concurrence. Nov. 23^d came up concurred.

Lawrence

Petition of Abbott Lawrence and
others that Congress Street be graded and paved this season.
Referred to the Committee on Paving

Jones

Petition of Susannah B. Jones to be
paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Fifth Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving

Long.

Petition of Jane B. Long's executor
for abatement of a payment for construction of a sidewalk in
Liverpool Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

North Street.

Communication from the Chief
of Police respecting the unsafe condition of the cellar doorway
in North Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving

On the petition of James Gaily 741.

to be paid for damage sustained by a change of grade in Church Street the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. For. 26. 1854. Gaily.

On petition of L. A. Littlefield for Littlefield.

leave to construct a cypress under the sidewalk in London Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Assessors' Binney.

Department to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Binney for abatement of tax on his real estate report that as the subject relating exclusively to the ward of Hays, the petition is referred to that Department and that he have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Geo. A. Williams, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. For. 25th came up concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances to Signs

whom was referred the order of the Board relative to the provision of suitable signs at places of business, have considered the subject and make the following report, that it is inexpedient to act in the premises. For the Committee, Geo. Odierne, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence December 20. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances to Omnibus

which was upon the order of the Board relative to the passage of an Ordinance compelling Omnibus drivers to discharge passengers upon the right hand side of the street, having considered the subject make the following report, that there now exists an ordinance to the above effect, which ordinance should be better drivers.

742. *engraved.* For the Committee, George Odiorne, Chairman. Accepted.
Feb. 20 1854. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 20. Came up concurred.

Inspector
of Buildings The Committee on Ordinances to which was referred the order of Sep 11th respecting the appointment of an Inspector of Buildings, having considered the subject make the following report: That it is inexpedient to act in the premises. For the Committee, Geo. Odiorne, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 20. Came up concurred.

Rince
Turnings The Committee on Ordinances to which was referred the petition of J. Rince concerning the ordinance respecting Turnings and Shades, having considered the subject make the following report: That it is a matter over which they have no control and the Committee would recommend the reference of the petition to the Mayor as the head of the Police Department. For the Committee, Geo. Odiorne, Chairman. Accepted.

Locker
arket
Ordinance. The Committee on Ordinances to which was referred the petition of S. S. Locker and others for the repeal of the 10th Section of the Market Ordinance, and the circumstances of J. J. Dennison - Dane, Dana & Co. against the same, having considered the subject make the following report: That the whole matter be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Geo. Odiorne, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Jones
Swale On petition of Henry Jones and others that the outlet of the Common Shed Lane may be extended to the water mark of Thomas H. Swale and others for a Common

Sewer in Chestnut Street, west of Charles Street of Levi B. Merriam for a Common Sewer in Pleasant Street of the City of Lowell Nov. 20 1854. and others for a Sewer in Broadway from N. H. Street to the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported a reference of the same to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Accepted. Merriam.

Petition of Amory Ireland for an extension of one year's time on Bond N^o 1053. In Common Council referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

On motion of Alderman Dunham the subject of the election of a Water Registrar was taken from the table, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Amory Richards was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 23^d came up concurred. Water Registrar.

The Committee on Ordinances to which was referred the order of Sept. 22 concerning the provision by Ordinance for the use of any rooms in the Public Buildings, at public expense, for free day and evening schools, having considered the subject make the following report: That it is inexpedient to act in the matter. In the Committee George Colburn Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 22. Came up concurred. Free Evening Schools.

The Special Committee of this Board to whom was referred the petition of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation asking permission to lay down and construct a Railroad track over said Avenue from South Boston to North, having examined into said subject respectfully Report, That by the ninth section of the Act of Incorporation of said Company,

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Nov. 20. 1854. power is granted to said Corporation to construct a double track for horse power only, from the foot of I. Street to Sea Street, & thence to connect with the Boston and Worcester R.R. track, under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston. Inasmuch as other parties are interested in this projected scheme, besides the City of Boston and the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, and as in all cases where charters have been granted to horse-power railroads which are to be used in this City orders of notice have been made necessary previous to any location of such tracks, your Committee think that such notice should be given in this case, notwithstanding no provision is made therefore in the Act creating the Mt. Washington Avenue Corporation. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order of notice. For the Committee George Williams Chairman. Ordered, That due notice be given to the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation, and all other parties interested that the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation intend to lay down a railroad track, from the foot of I Street, South Boston to Sea Street, and thence through Greenland Street to the Boston & Worcester Railroad track: and that Monday, the fourth day of December next, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. And that said notice be given by serving a copy of the petition and this order thereon, upon the Boston and Worcester R.R. Corporation, and also by publishing the same in the several newspapers of the City, seven days at least before the time of said hearing. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Appropriation

etc.

Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts prepare and cause to be reprinted the Appropriation Bill of 1854 & with the present amounts of balances of each specific appor-

priation, with sufficient blank leaves so arranged that he can cor- 745.
rect and state the amounts remaining un-appropriated and unex- Nov. 20, 1854.
pended at the expiration of each succeeding month until the expi-
ration of the financial year, And it shall be the duty of the
Messenger of the City Council to furnish the Auditor with the files
of each member of the Council at the close of each succeeding month
to the end, that they may be corrected agreeable to the foregoing or-
der. Passed in Common Council. Carried up for concurrence. Read
and non-concurred.

No person appearing to object to Commercial St.
the proposed widening of Commercial Street by taking land of the Revue.
Messrs. W. Devore, said subject was recommended to the Committee on
Streets with full power.

Ordered, That there be paid to Smith
J. L. Smith the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages occasioned by the
change of the grade of Mercer Street provided he agrees to raise his
building to grade, and proves his title to the satisfaction of the
City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance &
discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of
said change of grade, and that the same be charged to the
appropriation for Paving &c.

On the petition of Mary Ann Barton Barton.
The Committee on Paving would report that the premises of the
petitioner were put in order at considerable expense by the City
when the grade of Old Huber Street was changed, but it appears
in a manner highly objectionable to the petitioner and one
which she remonstrated against, but to no avail. The Committee
therefore after a due investigation of the case would recommend the
passage of the accompanying order allowing \$250. for the Committee. Dec. 7th

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Williams, Chairman. Ordered, That there be paid to Mary Ann Barton the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of Old Street upon her proving her title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Warrants
for third
meeting:

Ordered: That Warrants be issued for meetings of the legal voters of the City in their respective Wards, on Monday the eleventh day of December next being the second Monday in said month at eight o'clock PM then & there to give in their ballots for the following Municipal Officers for the ensuing year viz: a Warden, Clerk, five Inspectors of Election, six members of the School Committee, two of whom are to be chosen for one year, two for two years and two for three years, one Overseer of the Poor; and four members of the Common Council, all of whom to be inhabitants of said City and resident in their respective Wards. Five for one able and discreet person, being an inhabitant of said City to be Mayor of the City, and for twelve other persons, inhabitants of the City, to constitute the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing year. All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock PM.

Ordinance
revision of

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be and they hereby are authorized to revise the Ordinances of the City to conform to the amended City Charter with authority to employ such assistance as they may deem advisable the

pense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for incidental exp^{ts} 747.
penses and Miscellaneous claims. Passed in Common Council. Nov. 20, 1854.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Alderman Dunham Ordinances

gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should
move for a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board concurred
in the passage of the above order.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the assessment of damages sustained by Patrick J. Slane from the location and construction of the Boston and New York Central Railroad over and through land leased by him. Samuel H. Davis, Esq. appeared in behalf of the corporation. Henry W. Parker, Esq. for John H. Buttuck, William Whiting, Esq. for David Jonathan Hens, owners of the land & parties in interest, and Messrs. Bartlett & Thurston for P. J. Slane lessee. After a lengthy discussion upon the legality of the petition and the order thereon, the Board voted to view the premises in question at 10 o'clock, A.M. tomorrow, Tuesday and to continue the further hearing of the matter until four o'clock, P.M. tomorrow, and the City Clerk was directed to notify said parties accordingly.

Slane
New York
Central
Rail Road.

On motion of Alderman Washburn the subject of a purchase of a new lot of land at East Boston, for the site of the new School House, ordered to be built there, was taken from the table, and after a discussion upon the matter, its further consideration was postponed until tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, P.M.

East Boston
School House.

Adjourned to tomorrow at ten o'clock, A.M.

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At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty first day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Allen, Drake and Odiorne.

Slane.

On motion of Alderman Junham the Board proceeded to view the premises of Patrick F. Slane on the line of the New York Central Rail Road, with a view to ascertain if the amount of security ordered by this Board should be reduced - after which examination the Board adjourned to four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty first day of November, Anno Domini, 1854. at four o'clock, P.M.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Drake.

Lutly.

Petition of Michael Lutly for leave to open a cellar doorway in Archers Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hannan.

Petition of Timothy Hannan for leave to move a wooden building across Second Street, between E & F Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Helmes'

bond

Subject.

A bond signed by L. C. B. Helmes and Henry J. Bigelow whereby they agree to conform to the Statutes of the Commonwealth respecting the disposal of bodies of deceased

paupers which shall be delivered to them or either of them for 744
purposes of Anatomical Science, was approved by the Board, See Sec. 21, 1854
Bond in Auditor's Office.

Alderman Odierne gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board, he should call up the subject of the Steam Fire Engine. Steam Fire Engine.

On motion of Alderman Odierne, the vote whereby this Board, non-concurred with the Common Council in the passage of the order authorizing the Auditor to reprint the Appropriation Bill &c was reconsidered, and this Board concurred with the Common Council in the passage of said order. Appropriation Bill.

Agreeably to assignment, the Board took up the subject of the purchase of a new lot for the new East Boston School House, and Alderman Odierne moved to amend the original order by adding at A as follows, "and provided, also, that the Committee on Public Buildings adopt substantially for the construction of said Grammar School, the plan now contemplated by the Chairman of said Committee." East Boston School House. See page 731.
After a discussion upon the same, the subject was laid upon the table.

Agreeably to notice given at the last meeting of the Board, Alderman Dunham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board concurred with the Common Council in the passage of the order authorizing the Committee on Ordinances to revise the existing Ordinances of the City so as to make them conform to the Revised City Charter. Ordinances revision of
but the Chair having ruled such motion to be out of order, Alderman Williams offered the following order. Ordered: That the

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15.2.54. Committee on Ordinances be directed to employ the City Solicitor,
in consultation, in relation to the revision of the city ordinances,
and no other legal advisers - and the Yeas and Nays being re-
quested in said order that were taken as follows, viz: Messrs. Alder-
men Washburn and Williams 2. Nays, The Mayor, Aldermen Allen,
Munroe, Dingley, Dunham, and Osborne 6. So said order was rejec-
ted.

Stane
New York
Central
Rail Road.

Agreeably to assignment the
Board resumed the subject of the petition of Patrick T. Stane
vs the Boston and New York Central Rail Road Company. Mr.
Wells, the counsel for the corporation, objected to the petition and
the order thereon - because damages are only asked for the tenant
and not for the other parties in interest - because the order re-
quiring the corporation to furnish security to the petitioner
was passed without notice to the respondents - because the parties
in interest have not all been notified - &c. as on file. - whereupon,
after a discussion upon the subject, the Board ordered, that
the petition be dismissed, that the petitioner have leave to with-
draw - and that the order directing the security to be furnished
by the said Company to the petitioner be rescinded. And the City
Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Stane of this decision.

Adjourned to tomorrow (Wednesday) at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 751
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Wednesday the Twenty Second day of November, 1824.
Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

On the petition of George Rogers
for abatement of assessment for construction of a drain
in Newton Place, the Committee on Internal Health reported
that the petitioner having received the same benefit as others
and the parties assessed having paid their assessments, the Com-
mittee see no reason why the petitioner should be released from
paying the same, and would therefore recommend that he have
leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Ordered: That the Committee House
on Internal Health, while considering the subject of Auburn
Road report against payment of their installment under
the House Contract, be directed to report whether any other
less expensive mode can be adopted for the collection of said tax,
and if Messrs Stand & Co will relinquish their contract or consent
to any alterations in the same.

Alderman Dunham offered Water Rates
the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Water be
directed to report an Ordinance, if deemed expedient, whereby the
provisions of the first Section of the existing Ordinance relating to
Water Rates may be so amended as to conform to the amounts
paid by dwelling houses of a similar valuation the last year: also
to make some reduction in the amounts to be paid for Water Cords.
Read and laid on the table.

Nov. 1854.
City Solicitor.

Alderman Williams offered the following order. Read: That the Committee on Ordinances consider and report upon the expediency of, revoking the Ordinance, establishing the Office of City Solicitor. Read and laid on the table.

East Boston
School House
lot.

On motion of Alderman Washburn, the order respecting the purchase of a new lot of land at East Boston wherein to erect a Grammar School House, was taken from the table, and Alderman Odierne's amendment was adopted: the question then recurring upon the passage of the order as amended, and the yeas and nays being required thereon, the same were taken as follows, viz: Yeas: The Mayor, Aldermen Munroe, Dingee, Washburn, Drake, Odierne, and Williams 7. Nay: Alderman Allen. 1. Absent: Alderman Junham. So said order was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Peoples Ferry
Company
Commercial
Street

On motion of Alderman Dwyer by the Yeas and Nays of the Ayes 6: concerning land taken by the City in Commercial Street were taken from the table, and thereupon the following preamble and order were passed: Whereas the City Council by a resolve and order took on the 25th day of October last a certain parcel of land lying on Commercial Street and owned by the Peoples Ferry Company, and containing Eighteen hundred square feet, more or less, for the purpose of widening said Commercial Street, and whereas said Company by reason of an existing incumbrance on said land are unable to give to the City a warranty deed of said parcel of land, as is usual in such cases, but have offered to the City a quit claim deed of said parcel of land and also a Bond in the sum of Fifteen

thousand dollars to save the said City harmless and indemnified from all claims and demands of all persons for damages, costs or expenses for or on account of said taking of said land, and will agree to protect the said City in the peaceful enjoyment of said land so laid out as a public highway, now therefore, it is Ordered: That the said deed and Bond of the Peoples Gas Company so offered as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby accepted by the City Council, as a sufficient release of the premises in question, and in which entitles the said Company to be paid for the land so taken as aforesaid. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 23, came up concurred. (See Bond and deed in office of the Auditor of Accounts)

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Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P. M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Gold Street and of apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Thatcher
Gold Street.

Agreeably to notice Alderman Edicorne submitted to the Board the following humble and patriotic petition: Whereas this Board has passed an order authorizing the Standing Committee on the Fire Department to purchase of the inventor a Steam Fire Engine for a sum not over Eight thousand dollars, and whereas, the Common Council to whom said order was sent have decided that they had no voice or action in the matter, therefore, Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board their action upon the order above re-

Steam Fire
Engine.

54. *Resolved* to is a sufficient authority for the Committee on the Fire Department to make such purchase. Read and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next; a motion for the previous question not having been sustained.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty seventh day of November, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Wingate

Petition of William A. Wingate and others, that High Street be extended to Lee Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets

Lamps

Communication from the Superintendent of Lamps respecting the present state of the Gas Lamps of the City. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Spear,

Petition of Charles Spear that assistance may be afforded to him as a religious instructor at the Jail. Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

Pike.

Petition of Moses Pike to be appointed Superintendent of Mt. Washington, Irons Bridge, &c. to the same on Bridges.

Petition of James W. Abbott 755.
and others for abatement of a nuisance in Norwich Street, in
a building called Johnson's Block. Referred to the Committee
on Internal Health. Nov. 27, 1854.
Abbott.

Petition of J. R. Sluck for leave Sluck.
to move a wooden building from Locust Street to Haver Street.
of H. Ray for leave to move a wooden building from Third Street Ray
to Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full
power.

Petition of Charles Scott and Scott.
others that the surface water may be removed from Bridgford
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James Marshall Marshall
for abatement of a nuisance for construction of a house in Bremen
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains

Petition of Charles H. Bacon Bacon
to be paid for damage sustained to his horse and chaise in
Arnold Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent
down for concurrence. Dec 1. Came up concurred.

Petition of M. J. Mooney for leave Mooney
to give a concert at the Music Hall Nov. 30. Referred to the
Committee on Licenses with full power.

Petition of Israel Gates and others Gates.
concerning a mode of assisting the Corners of the Pier in discharge
of their duties. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Dec. 27/1854. That a suitable office may be provided for him. Referred to the Water Registrar. Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.

Dec. 1. Came up concurred.

Washington

India.

Communication was received from George Lund, Esq. stating that the Hon. George H. Washington would place at the disposal of the City of Boston, for a proper consideration the original Ind. India which was struck, and presented to General George Washington, in token of his eminent services in causing the evacuation of Boston by the British troops in March 1776. Referred to the Committee on the Library. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 1. Came up concurred.

Gold Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a Common Sewer in Gold Street, the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers & Drains with full power.

Smith.

On petition of Charles Smith, carner, for payment of a certain bill for official services, the Committee on Licenses & Accounts reported in favor of the payment of the same. Read & accepted.

Raymond

On petition of Edward A. Raymond and others that crossing stones be laid in Concord Street, the Committee on Paving reported that as the Superintendent of Streets has full power in the premises, no further action is necessary. Read and accepted.

Lally

On petition of Michael Lally for leave to open a cellar doorway in Dorchester Street or Avenue,

Nov. 27, 1854. amended the order of this Board of October 9th, as recorded on page House of 66, authorizing the alteration of the building at Deer Island to admit Correction. it for the purpose of a House of Correction by inserting at A. "wing" of the building instead of the words "main building" and of inserting at B. "thirty" instead of "forty five" said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Peoples Ferry

Ordered: That there be paid

to the Peoples Ferry Company the sum of Nine thousand and fifty dollars for land taken to widen Commercial Street, there having been eighteen hundred and ten square feet taken, pursuant to the deed and bond of said Company, which have been accepted by the City Council; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Howard.

Ordered: That there be paid

West Orange St. to Boyd Howard the sum of Three hundred Dollars in full payment for damages occasioned to his drain by the City in West Orange Street, under an order dated July 15th 52 upon his relinquishing to the City the drain constructed by him, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all past and future damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of drain; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Internal Health.

James.

Ordered, That there be paid

North Street. to John W. James the sum of Three thousand one hundred and eighty five dollars for land taken to widen North Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in con-

sequence of said taking, and that the same be charged to the
appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

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Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Commercial Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Joseph W. Ferris bounded as follows, viz: Southwesterly by Commercial Street there measuring thirty one feet and 10 of a foot; Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of the said street, thirty five feet and 10 of a foot and Southwardly by land lately taken from the Texas Ferry Company to widen the said street, eleven feet; containing one hundred and sixty eight square feet, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken & laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by Ed. Chestbrough dated Sept. 18. 1854 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor & Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Commercial Street, as aforesaid, will amount to Eight hundred and forty dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Resol. Sent down for concurrence.
December 7. 1854. Same up concurred.

Nov. 27, 1854. to whom was referred the order for an enquiry into the expediency of increasing the number of Deputies that may be appointed by the Surveyor General of Lumber, have considered the subject, and report, that upon the evidence which appeared before them, the number of Deputies which may be appointed by the Surveyor General of Lumber is not so large as the public convenience requires. Though the whole number, twenty two, now appointed goes to the whole extent given by the Ordinance, yet by reason of the inability of some from sickness or otherwise, and the increased amount of Lumber now regularly brought into the City of Boston, it often occurs that cargoes of Lumber must wait many days before the services of a Surveyor can be obtained. To remedy this evil your Committee have reported the following additional ordinance and recommend its adoption. For the Committee, Charles Mayo. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

East Boston

School House

Lot.

The order which passed this week Nov. 29th authorizing the purchase of a new lot of land whereon to erect a Grammar and Primary School House at East Boston, having been referred in the Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings, said action came up for concurrence. Alderman Washburn moved to amend said reference by adding thereto, as follows: with leave to report upon the comparative advantages of the two plans proposed for the two lots in view for the location of the School house and the Pros and Cons being required on this amendment they were taken as follows. Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Almon

Washburn, and Williams. 4. Nays. Aldermen Allen, Gingley, 761.
Dunham, Duke, and Edierne. 5. To said amendment was re- Nov. 27, 1884.
jected and the original reference was passed in concurrence.

Ordered: That the Mayor Peupers
be authorized to approve all bills for the transportation of Peupers transportation of
from Deer Island to the State Arms House at Warkbury, and
that the expense be charged to the appropriation for Houses of In-
dustry &c. Sent down for concurrence. Dec^r 1. Put me up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Public
Dunham, the Ordinance establishing a Board of Commission- Library
ers for the erection of a Library building, was taken from the Commission.
table, and the question being on the passage of the amendment
made by the Common Council to substitute December for April
the same was passed in concurrence by the following vote, a
motion to lay on the table having been lost viz: Yeas, The Mayor,
Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dunham, Duke, Edierne & Williams 7.
Nays. Aldermen Gingley and Washburn 2.

Petition of Adin Hall & others Hall
for a revision of the existing Water Rates, came up from the Water Rates
Common Council with this endorsement. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Water with instructions to report an Ordinance repealing
the present Ordinance establishing the Water Rates and to revise
the Ordinance now in force. Read and this Board concurred in
said reference.

On motion of Alderman Dun Water
ham the order of this Board respecting a revision of the Water Rates.

702. rider, which was laid upon the table. November 22^d was taken
Nov. 27, 1854. therefrom and rejected.

Lock-up. Ordered: That the brick Lock-up in the jail shall be and the same is hereby placed under the care of the Committee on Internal Health who have charge of the custody and transportation of prisoners who have not been convicted by the several Courts: and that said Committee make such changes in the internal arrangements and furniture of said building as they may deem expedient and necessary, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for County Jail-accounts.

Deluce. Ordered: That the collection of the sum of Fifty three dollars and twenty three cents assessed upon the Heirs of John Deluce for their proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in First Street, be, and the same is hereby postponed until an entrance shall have been made into the common sewer from their estate, said postponement being made in consequence of the inability of the Heirs to pay the amount.

Steam Fire Engine. Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the Steam Fire Engine and the question being on the passage of the Resolve (as recorded Nov. 22^d). Alderman Williams moved to refer the same to the standing Committee on the Fire Department with instructions to report in detail the whole expense of the Steam Fire Engine including first cost, transportation to Boston, cost of building for the machine, horses and men for running one year, and for alteration of reservoirs and hydrants, to fit them for use of the machine. But the previous question having been ordered, on motion of Alderman

Munroe, the original resolve was adopted by the following vote, viz: Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Gurnham, Drake, and Gilmore. 6 Nays Aldermen Dingley, Washburn, and Williams. 3. Nov. 27, 1854.

Monday next was assigned as the day for choice of a Board of Commissioners for the Building of the Public Library - for a member of the House of Water Board in place of John H. Wilkins resigned - and for a Master of the House of Correction. Library. Water Board. House of Correction.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the fourth day of December, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Everett Caverly for removal of the Hack stand at 244 North Street - of C. S. Higgins for leave to exhibit some Wild animals in Charleston Street - of John Caverly for leave to exhibit animals in Howard Street of Hack, moving to exhibit Dioptric views at South Boston. Referred to the com^{tee} on Finance. Caverly. Higgins. Caverly. Hack and

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Warrant
to 392

Petition of Hydrant Company

#2. respecting the ejection of a member of said company and asking a hearing upon said subject and also a remonstrance of said company against the admission of a certain member into said company. were referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Wellington.

Communication of Winslow Wel-

lington respecting the obstruction of the sidewalk at corner of Washington and Northampton streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Rich

Petition of J. H. Black for leave

to move a wooden building at East Boston from Locust to Thorne Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Rich.

Petition of Charles C. Rich that

Thorne Street may be better lighted. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Wallis

Petition of Paul D. Wallis that

an error in the execution and delivery of certain deeds of the City of Boston to him in 1853, may be rectified. Referred to the Mayor with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Sec. 7 came up concurred.

Jogée

Petition of Maria D. Jogée to be

paid for land taken in Greenough Lane. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Simmons

Petition of David A. Simmons

for additional compensation for land taken from him in 1847. to extend Northam Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the Sheriff of July 7/65.
folk County for a re consideration of the vote respecting the Dec. 12, 1854.
custody of the building used as a Lock up. Referred to the Com- Lock up
mittee on Internal Health.

Petition of the Dorchester Avenue Dorchester Av.
Carriage Road Company for location of their track within the City of 2. Middlesex;
Boston - and of the Middlesex Rail Road Company for the loca- Rail Road.
tion of their track within the City of Boston. Referred to Aldermen
Dunham, Williams and Washburn.

Ordered: That the Board ac- Lenox
cept and adopt the grade of Lenox Street, between Shawmut Avenue Street.
and Washington Street, proposed by the City Engineer; the said
grade being shown on a profile of the said street, by the said
Engineer, dated October 16th 1854, and deposited in the Office of the
Board of Mayor & Aldermen.

Whereas Cornelius Doherty has giv- Doherty-
en notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on North Street.
North Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the
said street should be widened at the place described in the said
notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to
the said Doherty, that this Board intend to widen the street
before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to
be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a
public street - and that Thursday, the seventh day of December
instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for receiving
any objections which may be made thereto.

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Smith.

Ordered: That there be paid to Freeman Smith the sum of Seventy five dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of Hanson Street upon his making his title to the lot to the satisfaction of the City Council, and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c

City

The Committee on Water, to whom was referred the communication of W. D. Terry asking leave to attach an improved Water Main to the Water Works, at the City Hall. Report: That action on the petition be indefinitely postponed. J. H. Smith, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. To be brought up concurred.

The

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Charles Fox bearing date Oct. 2^d 1854 recommends the adoption of the following order. For the Committee. Chas. T. Singler, Chairman. Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to execute and deliver to Mr. Charles Fox warranty deeds for lots numbered 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23 situated on Fremont and Hanson Streets; upon his surrendering to the City the agreements of sale for said lots given by the City, and upon his executing and delivering to the City a mortgage for five years upon lot number 18 situated at corner of Fremont and Hanson Streets, and the buildings thereon, with interest payable annually, for the amount of his liabilities due the City on account of said lots on the first day of October last; and together with a policy of insurance upon the buildings on said lot, in the name and for the

benefit of the city of Boston to the amount of Three thousand 767
dollars - said policy to be satisfactory to the Mayor for the time Dec. 4. 1854.
king - and said they to exhibit satisfactory proof that there
is no lien or claim of any nature what ever existing upon
said lot. Resd., accepted and the order passed. And upon for
concurrence. Dec. 7. Came up concurred.

The Superintendent of London
Sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for the con- & Essex Street.
struction of Common Sewers in London on Essex Street. Referred
to the Committee on Sewers &c.

Indentures of apprenticeship Apprentice
between Daniel Corcoran of Boston, a tailor, and Pierce Butler of indented.
said Boston, a minor aged fourteen years, and who has no parent
or guardian living, were presented to the Board for their approval.
Referred to Aldermen Munroe & Williams for examination of the
parties.

Communication of the Harbor Harbor
Master detailing the damage done in the yard of the 3^d instant. Referred
to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 7. Came up concurred.

Report of Chief of Police Sept^r Chief of
of the Watch for the month of November was received and placed Police
on file.

Report of the Inspectors of Prisons Inspectors
for July 1854, was received, laid on the table and ordered to be of Prisons.
printed.

Agreeably to the report of the Auctioneer
Committee on Licenses, Anthony Quinn was licensed as an auc-
tioneer at 35. Exchange Street

Sanitary
Acts

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of H. Roberts that the Board be authorized to order a reference of said subject to the Committee on Bridges. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Master of the
House of
Correction.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took from the table the subject of the election of a Master of the House of Correction, and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that Charles Robbins was elected in concurrence.

Library
Board

The subjects of the election of a Board of Public Library Commissioners and of a member of the Bookplate Water Board vice J. H. Perkins, resigned, were postponed to Thursday next.

Godman

On petition of Robert Godman that Hindall Street may be repaired, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Fire
Ordinance

The order of the Common Council dated Nov. 23^d directing the Committee on Ordinances to report on the subject of amending the Fire Ordinance at the next meeting of the Council, and which was nonconcurrent in by this Board, came up with this endorsement referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Read and concurred.

Plaisted

Petition of J. M. Plaisted to be paid for a partition wall on a lot of the City in Courgo Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

The Committee on Paving 764

to which was referred the petition of Robert Emerson and others Dec. 4, 1854
for a certain modification of the hole regulations, reported Emerson
a reference of the matter to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Communication from the Appropriation

Committee on Public Buildings asking for an addition to the
appropriation for Primary School Houses on account of the Hull
Street School House. Referred to the Committee on Finance in
concurrence.

Communication from James N. Lykes

Lykes concerning the New School House at East Boston, and E. B. School
his connection with the location of the same. Referred to the
Committee on Public Buildings in concurrence. House

An Ordinance repealing an Water Rates

ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to establish Water Rates, passed
July 6th 1854. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the
table.

Ordered: That the Committee Jail Funds

on Public Lands in concurrence with the City Solicitor be
and they are hereby instructed to enforce the conditions which
are now in force upon the Jail Funds, so called, and now in pos-
session of John M. Egan. Passed in Common Council. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

On petition of Thomas Crossley - Crossley -

lay 9 others that flagstones be laid across Harrison Avenue near North
Northampton Street and of Mrs. Richard Walsh requesting
flagstones and flaglines at corner of Brighton and Milton Streets.

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Dec. 4, 1854.

the Committee on Faring reported that no further action thereon is necessary. Read and accepted.

Christall
vide page 764.

On motion of Alderman Dunham the order to pay Ezra Christall his full salary to Oct. 1, 1854, was taken from the table, and the question being on the passage of the order. Alderman Washburn moved to refer the same to the next City Council, and the Yeas and Nays being required on said motion, they were taken as follows, viz: Yeas Aldermen Munroe, Washburn and Odiorne 3. Nays The Mayor, Aldermen Niles, Dingley, Dunham, Drake and Williams 6. So said motion was rejected. The question then recurring on the passage of the order, this Board concurred in its passage with the following amendment, strike out all between A and B and insert as follows, "such sum as he may be fairly entitled to, by the tenure of his office, in the opinion of the Mayor." Sent down for concurrence. Sec. 7. Came up concurred.

Volunteer
militia.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to each and every person named in the rolls of the Volunteer Militia, as being entitled to the bounty allowed by law, the sums affixed to their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to Twelve thousand, nine hundred and twenty six dollars.

Cambridge
Rail Road

On motion of Alderman Odiorne the papers in relation to the location of the Cambridge Rail Road in the City of Boston were taken up, and the following order was passed. Ordered: That the location of the Cambridge Rail Road shall be as follows. viz: Commencing at the intersection of the West Boston Bridge with Cambridge Street, thence with a

double track through Cambridge Street, from the Bridge to Chambers Street, 771
Street, with a single track through Chambers Street to Green Street. Dec. 1, 1854.
and Green Street to Bowdoin Square, across Bowdoin Square to
Cambridge Street, thence down Cambridge Street to Chambers Street,
with suitable turnouts in Bowdoin Square. In the street where
a double track is laid, the outer rail of each track shall be not less
than nine feet, six inches distant from the curb-stone, and where
a single track is laid, the outer rail shall be not less than twelve
feet and three inches from the opposite curb-stone, excepting the
necessary curves at the corners of the street. The gauge of the track
shall be four feet, eight and a half inches in width; the rails
of the same size and pattern as those now in use on the Third
Avenue Railroad in New York City. The method of construction
to be similar to that adopted on the rail roads in the City of New York,
and the whole work to be done subject to the directions, and to the
satisfaction of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Super-
intendent of Streets.

Agreeably to notice the Board should
look up the subject of the location of a Railroad track over the Mount Washington
Washington Avenue. Messrs William Wright and Seth Adams ap-
peared and objected to the same, and after a hearing upon the
subject the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Mon-
day next. Avenue
Rail Road

Adjourned to Thursday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall Thursday the seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Dingley.

Edward.

Petition of Boyd Howard & others

that West Orange Street be accepted as a public highway. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Samuel

Petition of Isaac Samuels to be

paid for damage to his drains in Orange Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Sullivan

Petition of Humphrey Sullivan to

be paid for damages occasioned to him by the widening of North

Spence

Street of Edward Spence to be paid for damages occasioned by the widening of North Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Sheriff

The Committee on Internal Health

Lock-up

to whom was referred the petition of the Sheriff of Suffolk County respecting the custody of the building used for a Lock-up, recommend that the petitioner be heard before the whole Board on Monday next at 4 o'clock, P.M. Read and accepted.

Stark

Agreeably to the reports of the Com-

Higgins

mittee on Licenses, leave was granted to Stark and Mosley to ex-

Sears

hibit Gigantic Bears at South Boston - & H. Higgins to exhibit Wild animals in Shawmut Street - John Sears to exhibit Wild animals in Howard Street.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a member of the Nautical Water Board in place of John A. Watkins, resigned, it appeared that Charles Skollard was elected. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 7. Came up concurred.

The election of a Board of Public Library Commissioners was again postponed to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of North Street by taking land of George G. Goherty, said subject was referred to the Committee on Streets with full power.

Ordered: That the Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, consider and report upon the expediency and cost of running a Steamboat to Deer and Kingsford Islands from the City, and of abandoning the present uncertain mode of communication with those places. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Water Registrar praying for more suitable rooms for his use than are now provided by the City, have considered that subject and recommend that it be referred to the next City Council. W. Washburn, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Communication of J. B. Curtis respecting the mooring of Hawker Boats in the Harbor of Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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Winchester

for leave to purchase a portion of House No. 22 Russell Street belonging to the city. referred to the committee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Hobbs

Worcester Rd.

Bridge.

The Committee on Bridges, to

whom was referred the petition of H. Hobbs and others that the Worcester rail road bridge over Harrison Avenue may be widened reported, that upon an interview with the President of the Worcester Rail Road, it was agreed that the said Corporation should widen the Bridge over Harrison Avenue at their own expense. said Committee therefore asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject. Read & accepted.

Adams

Alderman Dunham submitted

the following Order. Ordered: That the collection of the assessment of \$621.10 laid upon Benjamin Adams for his proportional part of the construction of a common sewer in First and K. Streets be postponed, as follows. Said Adams is to give his personal obligation to the City Treasurer on or before January 1st 1855. to pay said sum within six years from the said first day of January, with the privilege of entering said sewer as soon as he shall build upon any of his lots abutting thereon, and upon the payment to the Treasurer of the amount assessed upon said lots respectively, with interest from January 1, 1855. which amounts are to be deducted from the total amount of said personal obligation with interest added. Read and laid upon the table.

Essex Street

narrow.

Whereas pursuant to an order of

this Board, passed on the eleventh day of Sep. 1854, public notice

thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Essex Street, the cost of which was Five Hundred & sixty three dollars and ninety eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four Hundred and twenty two dollars $\frac{74}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the thirty first day of July 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in London Street, the cost of which was One thousand eighty two dollars and eighty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Eight hundred and twelve dollars $\frac{74}{100}$ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Committee to whom was referred an order of the City Council authorizing the purchase of a lot of land at East Boston for the purpose of erecting thereon a

London St:
sewer.

East Boston
School House

176 School House, and also, an Engine House have had that subject
Dec 7, 1854 before them and have instructed their Chairman to recommend
its reference to the next City Council. in obedience therefore to said
instructions it is hereby recommended that the whole subject be re-
ferred. W. W. W. Chairman. Read and laid on the table by
the casting vote of the Mayor.

Codman

The Committee on Public Buildings
to whom was referred a communication from Francis Codman
asking whether the City is willing to sell to him a Primary School
House and the land appurtenant thereto, situated on Elbow Hill,
near Cross Street, have investigated the subject, and Report: That
it will be expedient for the City to sell the same as soon as possi-
ble, provided can be made elsewhere for the School now kept in
said house. Your Committee therefore recommend, that the subject
be referred to the next City Council. W. W. W. Chairman. Read
and accepted. Went down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

North Street

Shorly

Resolved, That the safety and con-
venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that North Street
should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel
of land belonging to Cornelius Shorly bounded as follows, viz:
Southwardly by North Street, there measuring two feet and two
of a foot; Eastwardly by the same, on the line of Ann Street
adopted by an order of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen pass-
ed Aug 11th 1847, seventy seven feet and two of a foot; Northward-
ly by land lately taken from John W. James to widen the said
street, two feet and two of a foot; and Westwardly by the proposed
line of widening of the said street joining the first line of

Block, so called, seventy five feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a foot, containing two 777.
Hundred square feet, more or less. And whereas, due notice has Dec. 7, 1854.
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel
of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto
annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before de-
scribed be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a pub-
lic street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said
widening made by E. S. Chishbrough dated May 1st 1854. and deposited
in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board
doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said North Street
as aforesaid, will amount to eight hundred dollars; which sum
together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or
discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year,
does exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Sent down for con-
currence Dec. 14. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public
Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. L. B. Schwarz
for the use of the Ninth Ward Room, with light and air, for the
purposes of an evening School, have considered that matter, and
report: That the object of the petitioner being the establishment
of an evening school for the purpose of instructing adult persons
of foreign birth in the elements of the English language, the Com-
mittee believe it to be one which ought to receive the fostering care
of the City Government. They therefore recommend that the
prayer of the petition be granted and they recommend the
adoption of the following order. For the Committee, H. Washburn,
Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be
and they are hereby authorized to grant the use of the Ninth Ward
Room, with the necessary fuel and lights to the Mrs. L. B. Schwarz,

Schwarz.
School

778 for the purpose of holding therein an evening school. the ex-
pense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.
Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.
Aye up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Monday the Eleventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Prignton

Petition of Daniel Prignton to be
paid for the loss of the use and occupation of a house in Freshman
Street under the sanitary laws. Referred to the Committee on
Internal Health.

Brown

Petition of Jonathan Brown to be paid
for damage sustained by alteration of a drain in West Orange
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Gay

Petition of Eben. A. Gay that the assess-
ment for construction of a sidewalk in Salem Street, may be
abated. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of A. B. Lane that 779.
the damages to her horse occasioned by the bursting of a boiler- Dec. 11, 1854.
plate Water Pipe in Avon Place may be made good to her. Referred June.
to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 11.
Same up concurred.

Petition of John C. Ratt and Ratt,
others that Hanson Street may be numbered. Referred to the Com- Hanson St.
mittee on Paving with full power.

Petition of Fort Hill Corpora- Fort Hill
tion that the City would furnish them with a plan of Fort Hill Corporation
and its circumjacent streets, in accordance with the provisions of
their Charter. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Joseph W. Kevere to Kevere
be paid for land taken to widen Commercial Street. Referred to
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John M. Barnard to Barnard,
to be paid for damages sustained by the widening of Shuikins
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Harbor Master that Harbor
a suitable boat house may be furnished for his use. Referred Master
to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence.

Notice was received from the Pemberton
Proprietors of Pemberton Square that said Square is Private property Square
and not a public highway and that in view thereof they have closed. closed.
closed up certain passages against public travel in order to assert
their right to said Square. Read and placed on file.

Dec. 11. 1851. School Committee (being City Document No. 1) recommending the establishment of a High School for Girls in connection with the Normal School in Mason Street, and asking the City Council to pass the necessary votes for that purpose, were read and referred to the Committee on Public Instruction. And down for concurrence.
Dec. 11. Came up concurred.

Hydrant Companies. Petition of Hydrant Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6, asking for a separation of their several Fire Carriages in single carriages, and for an increased number of men. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

K. street The Superintendent of Common
Waltham Sewers presented to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of common sewers in K. street, between Fifth and Quincy streets in Waltham Street to Union Park - and in Perry Street, which were referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Middlesex On petition of the Middlesex
Rail Road. Railroad Company asking leave to locate their Railroad track from Warren bridge, thence across Causeway Street to Beverly Street; thence upon and over Beverly and Charlestown Streets to corner of Churchill Street and Haymarket Square, thence from Haymarket Square over and upon Charlestown and Causeway Streets to Charles River Bridge. Ordered: That notice be given to the abutters on said streets that the prayer of the said petition will be considered and acted upon by this Board on the twenty eighth day of December instant at four o'clock, P.M. at which time all parties interested may then and there appear and show cause why the prayer of

said petition should not be granted. and that said notice be given by publishing this order in the newspapers of the city fourteen days before the said twenty eighth day of December.

781.

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On petition of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad Company asking leave to locate their Railroad track from the dividing line between the city of Boston and the town of Dorchester in Turnpike Street, thence over and upon said Turnpike Street to Sea Street over the North River Bridge, thence over and upon said Sea Street to Broad Street, thence upon and over said Broad Street to State Street, with a single track and two turn outs, one in South Boston and the other at or near the foot of Summer Street - Ordered: That notice be given to the abutters in said streets that the prayer of the said petition will be considered and acted upon by this Board on the twenty eighth day of December instant at four o'clock, PM, at which time all parties interested may then appear and show cause why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted. and that said notice be given by publishing this order in the newspapers of the city fourteen days before the said twenty eighth day of December.

Dorchester
Avenue
Railroad.

On petition of Willis B. Men-
dum for a common sewer in Malford Court, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw said Court being a private way. Accepted.

Mendum.

On petition of Everett Leav-
erly for removal of the Back Stand at 247 North Street, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Leaverly.

Dec. 11, 1854. On petition of Winslow Lewis for
 abatement of a nuisance in Plymouth Street, the Committee
 on Internal Health reported, that having done all in their power
 to abate said nuisance this season, they recommend the reference
 of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Fitchburg
 Rail Road On petition of the Fitchburg Rail
 Road Corporation, that the line of Haverhill Street near their Sta-
 tion may be defined, the Committee on Streets reported that said
 line has been defined by the City Engineer. Read and accepted.

Fitchburg
 Railroad On petition of the Fitchburg Railroad
 Corporation for leave to keep their gates closed over Haverhill Street,
 the Committee on Streets reported that the petitioners have leave to
 withdraw. Read and accepted.

Lion On petition of M. B. Dixon for abate-
 ment of an assessment for construction of a sewer in Walnut
 Street, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioner have
 leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Hunnewell On petition of N. H. Hunnewell and
 others that the Common Sewer in Harrison Avenue may be
 repaired the Committee on Sewers reported a reference of said
 subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Eaton
 Lundsteen On petitions of Philip Eaton Jr. for abate-
 ment of a nuisance at the corner of Causeway and Merrimac
 Streets and of F. T. Lundsteen and others for abatement of a nuis-
 ance in Fifth Street - the Committee on Internal Health reported a
 reference of said subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Health, to whom were referred several petitions for the abatement of a Dec. 11. 1854.
nuisance on a wharf near North Charles St. would respectfully be-
port: The Committee were satisfied from their investigations respect-
ing the subject, that the petitioners had just cause to complain of the
nuisance in question; which consists of an establishment owned Adams
by Mr. John Adams, located on what is known as Hollen's Wharf.
the rear of North Charles Street, in which the bones of animals
are prepared, charred, and burned, emitting offensive and deleterious
gases, and producing a disagreeable odor. The petitioners made
a complaint to the Grand Jury of this County, in consequence of which
a bill of indictment was found, and presented to the Municipal
Court last March, which indictment your Committee are informed
is still pending, and has not been tried. The reason for this delay
your Committee are unable to state. Since this indictment has been
pending, the County Attorney being the prosecuting officer, a prayer
was made to the Court for an injunction to restrain the continuance
of the said nuisance until a trial should be had; but the Court
said, as the case was a proper one for trial by jury, an injunction
would not be granted until after such trial. The Committee regret
that this matter has not sooner been brought to a satisfactory con-
clusion; and they sympathize with the petitioners who are subject-
ed to so long a continuance of the nuisance. But there is a consider-
able question whether the powers of the Board of Health, under exist-
ing laws, would extend to the removal of the nuisance, without
the interposition of the Courts of Justice. They therefore have thought it
advisable to await the operation of the legal proceedings which have
been instituted. The Committee would suggest to the petitioners, how-
ever, that those of them who have suffered, or are suffering from

754. this nuisance, have a remedy by law, Rev. Statutes, Chap 106. and may
Dec. 11. 1854. bring actions in their own names in the Courts of law for redress.
With this statement of the present condition of the matter, the Com-
mittee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the
subject. All of which is respectfully submitted. Josiah Tunkham, for
Tisdale Drake. B. L. Allen. Read and accepted.

Moseley.

Ordered: That there be paid to
Alexander and Frances Ann Moseley the sum of eighteen hundred
eighty three and 7/100 Dollars for land taken to widen Washington
Street upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an
acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to
the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and wid-
ening Streets.

Stanwood.

Ordered: That there be paid to
Samuel Stanwood, agent for heirs of Eleazer Howard, the sum of
One thousand and fifty dollars for land taken to widen Ann
now North Street, upon his procuring and giving to the City a
Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking,
both for himself and all the heirs of Eleazer Howard, and
that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated
claims for laying out and widening Streets.

Hunnewell.

Communication from John L. Hun-
newell respecting the proposed Water Rates of the City, was placed
on file.

Ordered: That the Committee 783

on Ordinances have to report in print upon the matter of the revision of the ordinances to conform to the new Charter. Dec. 11, 1854. Ordinances.
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The communication from the Committee on Public Buildings of the 1st Inst. having been duly considered by the Committee on Finance, they respectfully recommend to the City Council to make the transfer provided for by the annexed order. For the Committee, J. C. Smith, Chairman. Appropriations
Primary
School Houses
Ordered: That the sum of Nine thousand and five hundred dollars be transferred from the Reserved Fund and added to the appropriation for Primary School Houses. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 39, Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas, the Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Lingley, Dunham, Robinson, Duke and Williams. Nays none.

The Committee on Finance having duly considered the Auditor's communication to the City Council of the 23^d ult. respectfully recommend to the Council the adoption of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. C. Smith, Chairman. Appropriations
Engine Houses
Ordered: That the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for Engine Houses by withdrawing that amount from the Reserved Fund. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 39. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas the Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Lingley, Dunham, Washburn, Duke, and Williams. Nays none.

Ordered: That the Joint Standing Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island City
Hospital

786 consider and report in the expediency of providing a Hospital
Dec. 11, 1854 within the precincts of the City proper for the temporary accom-
modation of such sick and disabled persons as may be found by the
Police in the Public streets. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred.

Police Station

On motion of Alderman Ollivier,
No. 4 the order of this Board dated Sept. 14th respecting the condition of Police
Station No. 4, and the letter of the Chief of Police concerning the same
were taken from the table and were referred to the Committee on
Public Buildings with instructions to report forthwith some plan to
meet the exigencies of the case, and, if possible, to provide at the
same time a suitable Ward Room for Ward No. 8. Laid down for con-
currence Dec. 14. Came up concurred.

Lowden.

Petition of J. W. Lowden & Co. for abate-
ment of taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Assessor's Depart-
ment in concurrence.

Gates

On petition of Israel Gates and others,
concerning a mode of assisting the Overseers of the Poor to discharge
their duties, the Committee on Internal Health reported that they
had no fears to controvert the measure proposed, and that no further
action is necessary thereon. - Received.

Framingham

Wade.

The Joint Standing Commit-
tee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of the
Selectmen of Framingham, respecting a suit brought by Henry
Wade, for damage sustained in a highway used as a dam by
the City of Boston, respectfully report, that the matter seems more
proper for the consideration and charge of the Archibuteau Water
Board; and they therefore recommend that the subject be referred
to that Board. For the Committee, J. Gresham, & Chairman. Read

and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Sec. 14. Home upon: 787
carried.

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The Sheriff of Suffolk County Sheriff
being absent by reason of illness, the subject of the hearing respect- Stock-up
ing the removal of the Stock-ups from his care was laid upon
the table.

The subject of the hearing up- Mt. Wash. Av.
on the location of the Mount Washington Avenue Rail Road track Rail Road.
was postponed to Thursday next at 11 o'clock, AM.

On motion of Alderman Dun- Rice-
ham, the report on the petition of Lewis Rice and other Hotel House Offic.
Keepers respecting the present mode of collecting House Offic. was taken
from the table and accepted by the Board.

The Committee on Internal Health, House
to whom was referred the order of Va. 22, respecting the mode of, Offic.
collecting House Offic, and Mr. Ward's contract, reported that Mr. Ward's
Ward is unwilling to make any new contract and as upon an contract.
investigation of the subject, they are satisfied that no new mode
of removing the House Offic can be effected during the existence
of the present contract, without detriment to the City, they ask to be
discharged from any further consideration of the subject. Accepted.

On motion of Alderman Dunham Adams
the subject of a postponement of the collection of the assessment upon
Benjamin Adams for construction of a skew in First Street and K.
Street, was taken from the table. Aldermen Williams moved the indefi-
nite postponement of the subject, which motion was adopted.

The ballots having been taken

Dec. 11, 1854. and awarded for a Board of Commissioners for the erection of a Public Library, it appeared that Robert A. Winthrop, Samuel G. Wood, Henry A. Hooper, George Ticknor, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, George Colburn, and George H. Warren were elected. Went down for concurrence. Dec. 14. Came up concurred.

East Boston

School House.

On motion of Alderman Allen

the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, relating to the next City Council the subject of the erection of the East Boston School House upon a new lot, was taken from the table and after a brief discussion upon the subject, it was postponed to Thursday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

Police.

The Mayor nominated Israel Crafts

as a substitute at Police Station No. 7 and John M. Roberts as a Special Police Officer at the Dance Halls in North Street. Laid on the table.

Hall.

Water Rates.

The Committee on Water, to whom

was referred the petition of Alvin Hull and others for a revision of the Ordinance concerning the Water Rates, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report the following. Your Committee find, that the Ordinance to establish Water Rates, passed July 6, 1854, is considered by a large proportion of the citizens as oppressive, and unequal in many of its provisions, and if it is allowed to go into force, will cause the loss of many water takers. They therefore recommend its repeal. The Committee, however, after a full consideration of the subject before them, consider it their duty to recommend to the City Council, that the Water Rates now in force should be increased, in order that the receipts from the sales of

water the coming year, may, at least, afford a prospect that the 789
annual income to the City from this source, will within a rea- Sec. 11. 1854.
sonable time, taking into consideration the gradual increase of wa-
ter-takers from year to year, be sufficient to pay the interest on
the water debt. They propose, therefore, that the rates as established
by the Ordinance of 1850 for dwelling houses, stores, printing offices,
refectories, and for uses of a like nature, be increased one dollar.
Also, that an additional charge be made to all dwelling houses
in which a bathing tub or water closet is used, of five dollars. This
addition, it is believed, will not be seriously felt by any one, while
the amount added to the receipts will be at least \$25,000. This in-
crease, added to the probable income which would be derived dur-
ing the year 1855, by the tariff of 1850, as estimated by the Water Reg-
istrar, would amount to \$256,000. This sum will fall short of the
interest on the water debt, about \$12,000, showing that with the annu-
al increase from new-takers, (about 15,000) the income in less
than two years will fully equal the interest. In accordance with the
views above expressed, your Committee respectfully recommend
the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee,
Samuel Hatch (See with Document A-82, in Common Council
Read, accepted and the Ordinance passed. Came up for concu-
rence. Alderman Durham moved to amend the first paragraph
of Section 1 by striking out six and inserting five. Which motion
was adopted. He then moved still further to amend said first
paragraph by striking out eight and ten and insert seven and
nine, and the Yeas and Nays being required on said motion they
were taken as follows: Yeas—The Mayor, Aldermen Munroe, Dingler,
Durham and Washburn 5. Nays—Aldermen Allen, Drake, Edwinn
and Williams 4. So said motion prevailed. Alderman Munroe mov-

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Dec. 11, 1854. ed to strike out from the second paragraph of Section 1, the words
"seven, nine, and eleven" and insert in place thereof six, eight,
and ten, which motion prevailed. Alderman Williams then moved
to strike out from the end of said Section 1 all that relates to bathing
tubs or water closets, and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon
they were taken as follows. Yeas Alderman Williams 1. Nays The Mayor,
Aldermen Allen, Sumner, Linguey, Guntam, Kirkbrin, Cooke, and
Odierne 8. So said motion was rejected. Said Ordinance was then
passed as amended. Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Aldermen Williams and Odierne
to examine were appointed a Committee to examine the returns of votes given
relating to the in the several Wards this day, for a Mayor and twelve Aldermen,
and to report thereon on Thursday next at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thurs-
day the Fourteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Abner Parker for 791

abatement of an assessment for construction of a Common Sewer. Dec. 14, 1854.
in Love Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains. Parker.

Petition of Nathan Matthews Matthews

and others that Clark Street be numbered. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

The Committee on the Fire Hydrant

Department to whom was referred the remonstrance of Hydrant Company No. 2 against the admission of Henry Totten into the Department and the petition of said company for the admission of Geo. H. Cook into the Department and also the petitions of Hydrant Companies No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for a separation of their carriages and an increase in the number of their members reported that, after a hearing of the said parties, the vote of the Engineers of the Fire Department respecting the admission of said Cook as a member be approved and that the subject of the remonstrance against Henry Totten be indefinitely postponed and that the number of members attached to the several Hydrant Companies be increased to twenty and that notice be sent to Hydrant Companies to take out one carriage with a full complement of five hundred feet of hose, unless the fire is in the District in which they are located, in which case both carriages are to be brought out. Read and accepted.

Company No. 2
Companies
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

It appearing to the Board upon

the representations of William G. Russell, Esq. and Lewis A. Whitney, that John Jones of Boston does by excessive drinking and idleness so waste his estate as to make the City liable to a charge for the support of himself and family, it was ordered, that a petition for

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Dec. 17. 1854. The appointment of a Guardian for said streets be vacated by the Court to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk.

Revere.

Ordered: That there be paid to Joseph W. Revere the sum of eight hundred and forty dollars for and taken to widen Commercial Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Mount
Washington
Trenue
Rail Road.

Agreeably to assignment the Board resumed the consideration of the subject of laying a Railroad track upon and over the Mount Washington Trenue. B. T. Reed & J. B. Washburn engineers appeared for the Corporation, who having been heard together with Messrs Wm Wright and Seth Adams, upon the proposed plan, the subject was committed to the special committee with instructions to report a plan of location of the track if they deem the same advisable.

Votes for
City Officers

The Committee, appointed to examine the returns of votes cast on Monday last for a Mayor and twelve Aldermen for the ensuing year, having attended to that duty, report, that the returns are properly made and the votes correctly recorded in the Book kept for that purpose, from which it appears that Jerome V. C. Smith, having a plurality of votes has been duly elected Mayor; and Charles T. Woodman, Selma E. Gould, Thomas Sprague, John M. Black, Charles Woodberry, William Washburn, Albion K. Jew, Benjamin F. Weeks, Joseph A. Green, Wood Gartin, Samuel Spring, and John Dunham, having a plurality of votes have been duly elected Aldermen for the

ensuing year. For the Committee, George F. Williams, Chairman, Read 793
and accepted, and the City Clerk was directed to notify the foregoing Dec. 14, 1854.
persons of their election

On motion of Alderman Wil- Water
liams the Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to Rules.
establish Water Rates, passed July 6, 1854, was taken from the table and
was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Mun- Water Rates.
roe the Board reconsidered the vote whereby they amended the Ordinance to establish Water Rates for 1855 in the first two paragraphs of Section 1st and in the question of passing said Ordinance in concurrence with the Common Council, the same was determined in the affirmative under a motion for the previous question.

The report of the Committee East Boston
on Public Buildings, recommending a reference to the next City School House.
Council of the subject of a purchase of a new lot of land at East Boston for a School House, was taken from the table, and on the question of the accepting said report, Alderman Washburn from said Committee, offered a minority report and order, as follows: The undersigned, a minority of the Committee to whom was referred an order of the City Council, authorizing the purchase of a lot of land at East Boston for the purpose of erecting thereon a School House, also an Engine House, respectfully offer the following report in relation thereto. It is proper in the outset to state that a Grammar School House is now in progress, by contract entered into against the wish of the minority, on a lot of land in the vicinity of the one contemplated by the order. It is, also, contemplated by a majority of the Committee by authority of the City Council, to erect

794 an Engine House, (plans and estimates for which have been
Sec. 14, 1834 obtained) on a lot of land appurtenant to the Primary School
House, fronting Belmont Square, and now used as a play-ground
for that school. The adoption of the order, involves, therefore, not only
the question of a change of location for the grammar school,
but also of the primary school and engine house. In consider-
ing the subject two questions at once present themselves leading
directly to a settlement of the main question before the Committee.
First, what are the comparative advantages of the three locations
in view, for school purposes? Second, what will be the cost to the
City of a school and engine house on the proposed lot, compared with
then new built and in progress on the other two lots? including
the loss resulting from the partial execution of the present contracts,
also the cost and value of the estates when completed; the build-
ings to contain equal accommodations for school and engine
purposes, and to be constructed of the same kind and quality
of materials. The answer to the first question may be stated thus:
The proposed lot contains 1500 square feet more land than the Lincoln
lot. It is on higher ground and is so situated in relation to the
adjoining lots as to afford opportunity for an entire finished story
mostly below the level of Sumner Street, and yet entirely above
ground, with the same advantages of light, air, and access as the
other parts of the building. A cellar for furnaces, &c. &c. may be
constructed still below this story, with ample drainage thence
into Sumner Street. Its regular declivity from Sumner Street will
permit the erection of an engine house on its easterly end, in
connexion with the outbuildings, in such manner as to be accessi-
ble from Sumner Street, and yet leave the entire ground beneath
open and with greater advantages for school purposes than would

otherwise be afforded. The play ground for the scholars on the proposed lot, after providing for more and better rooms, both for the schools and the engine, will still be larger by more than twenty per cent. than on both the other lots as now arranged. This will readily be seen by an inspection of the plans. The entire basement story of the building on the proposed lot will be dry, warm, and perfectly available in all respects for school purposes; while that on the Crowley lot will be cold, damp, and nearly useless for schools. The situation of the proposed lot to the eastward of Belmont Square is such as to secure the benefit of air from that point far more effectually than the Crowley lot, which is to the west of the square, and will of necessity be hemmed in by high walls on the south and west, thus cutting off, in a great measure, the air from those points and rendering the close proximity of the privies at these points doubly offensive. The privies on the proposed lot will be to the east of the house at a distance of thirty feet, with their ventilators on the east side of the engine house, completely hid from view; while those on the Crowley lot are of necessity to the south and west of the house with their ventilators almost within arms length of some of the principal rooms. When it is considered that during most of the year, but more especially during the warm and sultry months, when air is most needed, the winds prevail from the southerly and westerly points, the importance of these facts, can scarcely be overrated when viewed in connexion with their sanitary effects upon the pupils and their teachers, and through them upon upon the general character of the schools. The main entrances on the proposed lot will be on the south front nearly level with Sumner Street and will of course have the benefit of the sun most of the day; while the high

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196 flight of external stone steps on the northwest side of the house.
Sec. 14, 1834 on the heavy ice, will, if necessarily, be in shade most of the day
and as a consequence, will be slippery and dangerous during
the winter months. The answer to the second question will stand

thus: cost of the Crowley lot,	\$ 9,375.00
Contracts with mechanics for present building,	38,532.92
Lowest estimate for painting,	2,300.00
Cost of proposed engine house on the primary school lot,	2,150.00
Value of the primary school estate as it now stands,	
which may be sold if the proposed change of location takes place,	<u>4,000.00</u>
Making the total investment in the two estates, by the present plans and contracts, and the estimated cost as far as obtained,	\$ 56,357.92

It is proper to state here that the contractor for mason's
work on the present house, claims to have a mistake
in casting the contents of the brick work for the building
now in progress, which will cause him a loss, if held
strictly to the contract, of \$4,200.00.

This sum he thinks is equitably his due, and after a
careful examination of the whole facts connected
with the question, the undersigned can see no just reason
for withholding that amount, they therefore place
that sum as a part of the investment in the Crowley
estate,

	<u>4,200.00</u>
Making a total investment of	\$ 60,557.92
if the change of location takes place, as proposed by the new plans, the investment will be,	

For land	<u>\$ 8,900.00</u>	
Amounts carried forward	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 60,557.92

Amounts brought forward,

\$8,900.00

\$ 60,557.92

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Proposals by Messrs. Currier & Bailey, (the contractors for the present building) for the carpenter's, mason's and painter's work for the new buildings on the proposed lot, including the engine house complete,

40,847.00

119,747.00

\$ 10,010.92

Making a difference in favor of a change of location at the present time of ten thousand eight hundred and ten dollars. In view of the foregoing facts and in view of the further fact that the expense under the existing contracts is still going on, the undersigned recommend the adoption of the following order. William Washburn, John T. Dingley. (Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and they are, hereby instructed to purchase forthwith, a lot of land at the northeasterly angle of Sumner and Lamson Streets containing about fourteen thousand square feet, for the purpose of erecting thereon a school house, and also an engine house, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed eight thousand nine hundred dollars the cost to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar School Houses. Alderman Washburn moved the substitution of the foregoing Report and Order for the majority report and the Yeas and Nays being required thereon, they were taken as follows, viz: Yeas: The Mayor, Aldermen Munroe, Washburn, and Drake. 4. Nays: Aldermen Niles, Gunther and Edborne. 3. Aye: Aldermen Dingley and Williams. The said Report and order were adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall
on Monday the eighteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1854.
Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Newcomb.

Petition of A. R. Newcomb and
others for abatement of a nuisance in Suffolk Place. Referred to the
Committee on Internal Health.

Harmonson.

Petition of the Harmonsons for
leave to give concerts at South Boston. Referred to the Committee
on Licenses with full power.

Pentland.

Petition of Pentland W^{rs} for
leave to give Saturday evening entertainments, at the Howard
Athenaeum. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Pole

Petition of Galin Pole for abate-
ment of an objection for construction of a sewer in South Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Morgan.

Petition of Enos Morgan for
leave to move a wooden building on Chelsea Street. Referred
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Dow

Communication of Catharine
Dow respecting the dangerous nature of the passage ways
to Houses 101 & Pinckney Street. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Whitney.

Communication from the bachel-
orate Water Board requesting the approval of the Mayor and A.

Aldermen to a sale of a piece of land to Aaron Whitney. Read - 799
laid on the table.

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Petition of J. R. Slack to be heard
respecting a charge made against him by the Water Registrar Slack.
for cutting off his supply of water. Referred to the Committee on
Water. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman Wash- Chief
burn the subject of the election of a Chief Engineer to the Fire De- Chief
partment vice William Barnicoat resigned, was taken from the Fire Department.
table, and the ballots having been taken and counted it appear-
ed that Elisha Smith, Jr. was elected in concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Wil- County
liams the Mayor was authorized to take such measures respecting Court House,
the removal of the United States Courts from the County Court House
as he may deem expedient and necessary.

Israel H. Crafts was appoint- Alice
ed a Police Officer for Station No. 7. and John A. Roberts a Special
Police Officer for the Lunce Mills in North Street.

Whereas in the opinion of the Williams
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Market
Washington street should be widened at the corner of Dear Street Washington
it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the Will- Street
iams Market Corporation that this Board intend to widen the
street before mentioned, by taking a part of their land as afore-
said, and laying out the same as a public street and that
Thursday the Twenty first day of December instant at three &

800.
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Hayette
Street.

a half block, P. M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

The Superintendent of Internal Health presented to the Board a schedule of assessments for the abatement of a nuisance in Hayette Street &c. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Chipman
Union Street.

Ordered: That there be paid to George W. Chipman the sum of Nineteen thousand eight hundred and seventeen ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in full for all his claims upon the City for damages sustained by him as tenant of J. M. Beebe by reason of the widening of Union Street at the corner of Hanover Street during the current year, said amount being in accordance with the award of John P. Haily, Joel Wheeler, and Alexander H. Rice, dated December 18, 1854, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Union Street.
referees.

Ordered: That there be paid to John P. Haily, Joel Wheeler, and Alexander H. Rice, the sum of Two hundred and twenty five dollars in full for their services as referees between the City of Boston and George W. Chipman, concerning the widening of Union Street, the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Baldwin
Essex Street
& Harrison
Avenue.

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, of April 3^d 1854, the Common Sewer in Harrison Avenue and Essex Street has been lowered, three fourths the cost whereof, amounting to One hundred and sixty two dollars and ninety six cents, having been paid, by Aaron Baldwin, for whose immediate benefit the Common Sewer was lowered, therefore, Ordered, that whenever any new entries shall be made into said sewer,

or any drains lowered, which now run into said Sewer, the es- 801.
tate thus benefitted shall be assessed their fair proportion by the Dec. 18, 1854.
Superintendent of Common Sewers, and the amount collected
and paid over to said Baldwin or his heirs.

Ordered: That the sum Rogers
of Seventeen dollars and 75^{cts} being an assessment against the es-
tate of George Rogers, Sen. for the abatement of a nuisance, in Newton
Place, &c and the same is hereby upheld; said Rogers having deriv-
ed no benefit from said drain; he having paid the sum of forty one
39^{cts} dollars for Sewer laid in said place in 1849.

Ordered: That there be paid Chadbourn.
to Humphrey Chadbourn the sum of Two hundred dollars for Land
taken to widen Greenough Lane, upon his giving to the City a Deed
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages
costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the
same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening
Streets

Ordered: That two thousand cop. Water Rates
ies of the Ordinance establishing the Water Rates be printed. Passed
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on
the table.

The Committee on Public Lands Churchill
to whom was referred the petitions of Wm Churchill and James B. Grace.
Grace proposing to purchase a certain parcel of land belonging to
the City, situate west of Charles Street, and near the foot of Mount
Vernon Street, report: That it is inexpedient for the City to dispose
of said land at the present time, and they therefore recommend
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee,

302. Farnham Plummer. Accepted in Common Council. Came up
Dec. 18. 1854. for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fin. Hall
Market.

Ordered: That the Committee
on Public Buildings be instructed to report in print on Thursday
evening next upon the subject of Faneuil Hall Market. Passed in
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Petition of Samuel Taughton and
another for a deduction in the price of certain land in Chester
Square. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands in concurrence.

Island.

The Committee on Public Lands
to whom was referred the petition of Henry Island asking for an
extension of time on a bond to the City of Boston numbered 1053
due April 1st 1855 have considered the subject and report that
an extension of six months from April 1. 1855. be granted the peti-
tioner. For the Committee, Farnham Plummer. Accepted in Com-
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Appropriations.

Incidental

Communication from the Auditor
stating that additions will be required to the appropriation for
incidental expenses &c. Referred to the Committee on Finance
in concurrence.

Camphene

The Committee on Ordinances to
whom was referred the order concerning the storage of Camphene
&c. have considered the subject and beg leave to report the accom-
panying Ordinance. For the Committee, Charles Demond. Passed in
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred;
said Ordinance being recorded in the Book of Ordinances

for correction of errors in the assessment of taxes on his land. Re-
ferred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee Back Bay
having under consideration the subject of the Back Bay Lands be
requested to report in print at the next meeting of the Common Coun-
cil. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred.

The Superintendent of the Lunatic Lunatic
Hospital presented to the Board the amount of the bill of the
Commonwealth for the care of State Paupers at said Hospital, 1854. Re-
ferred to the Board of Visitors of the Lunatic Hospital.

On petition of Thomas Richardson Richardson
son for leave to change the sidewalk in front of his premises cor-
ner of Broad and Sea Streets the Committee on Paving reported, that
leave be granted provided the same is done at the cost of the petitioner.
Read and laid on the table.

On petition of John C. Pratt & Pratt
others that Hanson Street be numbered of Charles Scott & others Scott
that the surface water be removed from Bradford Street & H-
bott Lawrence and others, that Congress Street be graded and
paved, the Committee on Paving reported that said subjects be re-
ferred to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

On petition of William Stone & Stone
Abraham Stevens to be paid for filling up First Street, the Committee on
Paving reported that the same be placed on file. Read and accepted.

Dec. 12, 1834. In Wellington respecting the obstruction of the sidewalk at corner
Wellington, of Washington and Northampton Streets, the Committee on Paving
reported that the subject be referred to the Mayor, as the grievance
asked to be abated, is within the jurisdiction of the Police. Read
and accepted.

Howard
West Orange
Med.

On petition of Boyd Howard and
others that West Orange Street be accepted, as a public highway,
the Committee on Paving reported, that West Orange Street be ac-
cepted if the abutters will give a bond that they will claim no
damages of the city, in arranging the grade of said street. Read
and accepted.

Matthews.

On petition of Nathan Matthews
and others that Clark Street be numbered, the Committee on
Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Hulthway,
Jinks.

On petition of H. A. Hulthway and
others that the "Old Road" may be graded - of Thomas J. Jinks and
others, that the sidewalks in Portland Street may be repaired,
the Committee on Paving reported, that no further action thereon
is required at the present time. Read and accepted.

Mason.
West Street.

The Committee on Public Build-
ings to whom was referred the petition of Robert Marsh, pray-
ing for leave to exchange a parcel of land in the rear of the
Normal School House on Mason Street, for an equal parcel ad-
joining the same, have considered the subject and recommend
that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, by the passage of the
following order. W. Washburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the Commit-

tee on Public Buildings &c, and they are hereby authorized to 803.
exchange, upon such conditions as they may deem for the best inter- Dec. 18. 1854.
ests of the city, a parcel of land containing about three hundred
square feet, appurtenant to the Normal School House on Mason
Street, for about an equal parcel of land belonging to Robert. Wash
adjoining said School House &c. &c. Resol. Sent down for concu-
rence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That there be paid Ratt.
to Phoebe J. Ratt the sum of \$750 dollars for damages occasioned by (Rescinded)
the filling up of South Street upon her giving her title to the city (See Aug. 18. 1859)
to the satisfaction of the city solicitor and upon her giving to the
city an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and ex-
penses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same
be charged to the appropriation for Fencing &c. Any sums due the city
from said Ratt's estate to be first deducted from this amount.

Ordered: That there be paid Doherty.
to Cornelius Doherty the sum of eight hundred dollars for land
taken to widen Ann & New North Street, upon his giving to the
city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking;
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying
out and widening Streets.

The Committee on Public Hagan
Buildings having received a communication from Michael
Hagan stating that his present compensation for taking care of the
Old State House, is but eighty dollars, and asking that the same
may be increased to one hundred dollars, have, after a careful
examination of the subject, recommended the adoption of the follow

806 ing order. For the Committee, W. Washburn Chairman. Ordered;
Dec. 18, 1854. That the compensation of Michael Tegan for his services in taking
care of the Old State House, during the current year, be one hundred
dollars. The same to be charged to the appropriation for incidental
expenses. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concu-
red.

Quarantine
Board.

The Committee on the Harbor, to
whom was referred the subject of the rule of the Quarantine Board,
having considered the subject, respectfully report that the measure
proposed is inexpedient at the present time. For the Committee, B. L.
Allen, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came
up concurred.

Engine House
on
Lincoln's Wharf.

The Committee on Public Buildings
to whom was referred the order of the City Council authorizing the
removal of the Engine House at the head of Lincoln's Wharf,
have considered that subject and report that it is inexpedient
to remove said Engine House at present. For the Committee W.
Washburn, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21.
Came up concurred.

Grant.
Surren Street
Truandry Street

On petition of Michael Grant and
others. Ordered: That Surren Street from Dorchester Avenue to Truand-
ry Street; and Truandry Street from South Street to Surren Street,
be and the same are hereby accepted and laid out as public
highways.

St. Matthews
Church

Ordered: That the Treasurer be
authorized to abate the assessment of seventy two dollars and
eighty three cents laid against the St. Matthews Church, with
Boston, for constructing sidewalk.

Ordered: That the Treasurer be
authorized to abate the assessment laid against Eben H. Gay,
for edgystone furnished on Salem Street.

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Gay.

Ordered: That for the reasons set
forth in the petition of James Marshall in relation to the Common
Sewer in Bremen Street, that the collection of the sum of Nineteen
dollars and fifty eight cents, assessed upon said Marshall for construc-
ting the Common Sewer in said Bremen Street, be, and the same is hereby
postponed until the 1st day of August 1855.

Marshall.

Bremen Street
Sewer.

Whereas pursuant to an Order
of this Board, passed on the twenty second day of May 1854, public
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been
constructed in Perry Street, the cost of which was Seven hundred and
sixty three dollars and twenty six cents, one quarter part whereof
being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Five hundred
and seventy two dollars ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law. It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in
the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified & notice
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or heirs.

Perry Street
Sewer.

Whereas pursuant to an Order
of this Board, passed on the Ninth day of October 1854, public notice
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been con-
structed in T. Street, the cost of which was Two hundred dollars
and forty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted to be

T. Street
Sewer.

808. paid by the said City, there remains One hundred and fifty
dollars ^{2/3} to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-
ing to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set
to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense
of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Shawmut
Avenue
Sewer.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of
this Board, passed on the twentieth day of July 1884 a Common
Sewer has been constructed in Shawmut Avenue, the cost of
which was Two hundred and seventy three Dollars and Sixty
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said
City, there remains Two hundred and five dollars ^{2/3} to be charg-
ed to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is there-
fore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto an-
nexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charg-
ed and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective
names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer,
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given
to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Januel
Hall keeper.

The Committee to whom was
referred the communication of Henry Skyles requesting an in-
crease of compensation for his services in taking care of Januel
Hall, have heard from Mr. Skyles his reasons for his said request
and after a careful consideration of the whole subject, have recom-
mended the passage of the following order. For the Committee to think

burn. Ordered: That the sum of One hundred dollars in addition ^{Sec.} to the compensation now provided by the City Ordinance, be paid to Henry Taylor for his services in the care of Minnie Hall during the current year - the same to be charged to appropriation for Salaries. ^{Sec. 18, 1854.} Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Same up concurred.

Ordered: That there be paid ^{Sec.} to Susannah B. Jones the sum of Fifty Dollars for damages occasioned by the change of the grade of Fifth Street upon her, proving her title to the estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Survey &c.

The Committee on Public ^{Hawes}

Instruction to whom was referred the order passed by the City Council ^{& Bird funds} March 16. directing them to inquire what interest the City of Boston has in the Hawes Fund for Schools in Ward 12. Also to examine and report upon the Fund recently established by John H. Bird, deceased, for the benefit of Schools in Ward 12, they have to submit the report of Charles W. Stack who was employed by the Committee to examine the matters above referred to, and the Committee would Report: That it is expedient to suggest to the Legislature the passage of a law requiring persons or trustees who hold monies belonging to the City, the income of which is to be applied for various purposes, to render an annual account of the same to the City. J. W. C. Smith, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Same up concurred.

Dec. 12. 1854.

Jones

on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Dr. J. A. Jones to be compensated for professional services rendered to certain individuals, by order of Watchmen and Policemen, respectfully report, that, in the opinion of the Committee, the services referred to do not constitute any just claim against the City, wherefore they recommend that the claimant have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Woodbury

Crafts

The Committee on Internal Health

to whom was referred the subject of a petition from Moses Woodbury and others for abatement of a nuisance in Second Street, South Boston, occasioned by the tallow and lard manufactory of John W. Crafts, having exercised all the power to abate said nuisance which exists in the Board of Health report that, as the further prosecution of the matter is a subject for the Courts of Law, they ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same. For the Committee, Josiah Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted.

Harbor

Master

The Committee on the Harbor to

whom was referred the petition of the Harbor Master asking the City Council to provide him with a suitable Boat House, having considered the subject recommend that it be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, B. F. Allen, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Quarries

Burder Brads

The Committee on the Harbor to

whom was referred the petition of Thomas Burder Brads respecting the Quarries Brads in the Harbor of Boston, having considered and agreed

think that its cognizance belongs more properly to the Board of
Engineers of the Fire Department they therefore recommend the refer-
ence of the subject to that Board. To the Committee, B. L. Allen, Chair-
man. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

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Dec. 18. 1854.

The Joint Standing Commit-
tee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of A. B. Lane that the
damage to her house occasioned by the breaking of a vestibule water
pipe in Moon Place, may be made good to her, respectfully recom-
mend that the same be referred to the vestibule water Board. To
the Committee, Josiah Luskham, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for
concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Lane.

The Committee on Paving Hav-
ing communicated to the Board certain facts respecting the dangerous
nature of the cellar doors in North Street, the Board adjourned to Thurs-
day next at 10 1/2 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of examining the same.

North Street

cellar doors

At a meeting of the Board of
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Thursday the Twenty first day of December, Anno Domini. 1854.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Dingley & Washburn.

Agreeably to assignment the Board

North Street.

812. visited North Street, for the purpose of examining the cellar door -
Dec. 21, 1854. and on said visit. Upon their return the Board adjourned to three
and one half o'clock, P.M.

At which time the Board reassembled.

Second.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Dunham.

Third.

Petition of James Wright, for aid in raising
his estate on Silver Street to the required grade. Referred to the
Committee on Rivers.

Fourth.

Petition of Henry A. Burney and others
that Municipal Street be lighted with Gas. Referred to the Committee
on Streets.

Fifth.

The Superintendent of Sewers presented
to the Board a schedule of assessments for the construction of
a sewer in Orange Lane. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Sixth.

On nomination by the Mayor -
Chester H. Higgins, Stephen Cummings and William H. Van Am-
sing, were appointed on the Watch and Police.

Market

house

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Faneuil Hall Market be and he is hereby directed to close
the same at twelve o'clock at noon on Monday next, it being
Christmas Day.

Seventh.

Charles B. Thomas of Boston applied for
the benefit of the Franklin Fund for Mechanics and offered a
petition. Alfred A. Goulds and J. Paul. Referred to Mr. Dingley & Allen.

On petition of Joseph Portland 813.
for leave to give Saturday evening entertainments at the Strand Dec. 11, 1854
Athenaeum, the Committee on Licenses reported that as the licensing of Public amusements on Saturday evenings is contrary to the Statutes, and also the Ordinances of the City, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Board of Public Lands Commissioners presented to the Board their annual Report for 1854. Read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Superintendent of Public Lands presented to the Board his annual Report for 1854, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Washington Street at corner of Court Street by taking land of Williams. Market Corporation said subject was committed to the Committee on Streets with full powers.

On petition of Humphrey Sullivan
van to be paid for damages sustained by him in consequence of the widening of North Street - and of Edward Spence for the same, the Committee on laying out and widening Streets reported a reference of said petitions to the Committee on Paving. Accepted and referred accordingly.

Ordered: That the usual number of copies of the Ordinance for the establishment of a Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the Public Library be printed. Read in Common Council, came up

814. for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Dike

On petition of Moses Pike for appointment as Superintendent of Grant Washington Memorial Bridge, the Committee on Bridges reported a reference of said petition to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Boston Light

Artillery

On petition of Boston Light Artillery for approval of their Armory at corner of Green and Harvard Streets, the Committee on Armories reported, that, as said Company is now located in Endicott Building no action is required on said petition. Read and accepted.

Harmoncons

Leave was granted to the Harmoncons to give Concerts at South Boston this week.

Rankin

Albany

Bridge

On petition of Rankin and Oliver & others that a Bridge may be constructed over the Rail Road in Albany Street the Committee on Bridges reported, that in their judgement a bridge over the railroad track in Albany Street, is highly necessary, but in consequence of the lateness of the season they recommend the early and prompt attention of the next Board of Aldermen to the subject. Accepted.

Wrighton

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Wrighton to be compensated for loss of use and occupation of House in Cornhill Street reported that, in view of the facts reported by the Superintendent of Health, the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of Charles Spear

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that assistance may be afforded to him as a religious instructor at the jail, the Committee on the jail reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Dec. 21. 1854.

Jenar.

Agreeably to notice from the Committee on Internal Health, the Sheriff of Suffolk appeared and was heard before the Board on the subject of the rock up at the jail, and protested against the proposed removal of the same from his care and custody.

Sheriff-

Luckys.

Petition of Hunneman, Hazen & Co. for abatement of tax upon their store in Broad Street, which fell down in August last. Referred to the Committee on the Affairs Department. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 21. Came up concurred.

Hunneman.

Communication from Henry N. Hooper

Hooper, Esq. resigning his office at the Board of Commissioners for the erection of the Public Library. accepted and sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Hooper

Library.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of stores on North Street, enumerated in the return of Capt. Savage of the 1st Police District, whose cellars are tenanted, and the entrances to which are open during the day and most of the night time, to close the same within six days. If the same are not closed up at the expiration of that time, the Chief of Police is hereby directed to cause all said cellar entrances to be closed forthwith, the same being open contrary to law, and deemed highly dangerous to public health.

North Street

cellar doors

Ordered: That there be paid to

Dec. 21, 1854, John M. Brinard the sum of Two thousand six hundred and
 Bernard fifty six Dollars for land taken to widen Hawkins Street, and the
 Hawkins Street damages thereby occasioned in any manner whatsoever, upon his
 giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and
 discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of
 said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation
 for unliquidated claims.

(rescinded
 Oct. 15, 1855)

Summer Street.

dock.

The Special Committee to which
 was referred the order passed Sept. 4th respecting the Summer Street
 dock would respectfully report, that in their opinion Summer
 Street should be continued and the dock filled up solid as part
 of said Summer Street, but as suits against the City by Thomas
 Richardson, are pending at Washington, it was deemed expedient
 to postpone action in the premises, until next year. The Committee
 would therefore recommend the subject to the early attention of
 the next Board of Aldermen, with the opinion that the public
 good requires that the dock should be filled up. For the Commit-
 tee, Josiah Drake. Read and accepted.

Fourth Street

Sewer.

Noyes & Sears

Ordered: That the sum of forty seven
 dollars and forty nine cents, assessed by an order of this Board,
 January 30th 1854, upon George N. Noyes for constructing the com-
 mon sewer in Fourth Street, and also the sum of thirty five dol-
 lars and sixty two cents assessed upon Willard Sears for his propor-
 tioned part of the cost of said sewer, be, and the same is hereby
 abated; and it is further Ordered: that the above named sums
 amounting to eighty three dollars and eleven cents be, and the
 same is hereby assessed upon Willard Sears and George N. Noyes,

they being the joint owners of said estate.

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Luyette Street
nuisance.

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board passed on the ninth day of November 1854, a drain has been repaired, the cost of which was One Hundred and sixteen dollars, the same to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to laws it is therefore Ordered: That the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they are hereby charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of cleansing said drain, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the location of the Public Library Building upon the Public Garden, having considered the same, Report: After mature deliberation, they are unanimously of the opinion, that the interests of the Public Library, and the faith of the City, pledged to its generous benefactor, Joshua Bates, require, demand the immediate erection of a Building upon the site already purchased in Bay State Street for the Committee George A. Warren, Read and the further consideration of the subject was assigned for Tuesday next at four o'clock P.M. motions to lay on the table, and to refer to the next City Council having been lost.

Library

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred an Order of the City Council requesting them to consider the propriety of providing a suitable building for the deposit and safe keeping of powder and other mili-

Powder

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Dec 21, 1834. lary stores, have considered that subject, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to take any action in the premises. For the Committee, W. Washburn Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Readville

farm.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred a communication from the Board of Public Land Commissioners asking whether the little farm at Readville had been entrusted to their care and jurisdiction, stating, also, that an application had been made to them to purchase the same; have considered that matter, and by leave to answer the inquiry as to its care and jurisdiction, also, the implied question of its sale, in the negative. For the Committee, W. Washburn. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Reservoir.

Engine &c

The Committee to whom was referred an order of the City Council directing them to furnish a room in one of the archways of the Reservoir on Derne Street, or in that vicinity, for the use of the Engine Company now located on Charles Street, have been compelled after a careful examination of said archways, to decide that they are wholly unfit for the purpose proposed, and, that they have as yet been unable to procure a suitable room in that vicinity for the use of the Company. The Committee are of opinion that the Engine now on Charles Street ought to be located in the vicinity of the Reservoir. They therefore recommend a reference of the subject to the early & favorable consideration of the next City Council. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Resolved, That the safety and con-

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venience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Washington Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to the Williams Market Corporation, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Washington and Dover Streets; thence running southwardly, bounded by Washington Street, forty nine feet and seventy five $\frac{100}{100}$ of a foot, to an angle; thence still southwardly, by the same, twenty feet and $\frac{100}{100}$ of a foot; thence eastwardly, by the southerly line of the land of the said Corporation, $\frac{40}{100}$ of a foot; thence northwardly, by the proposed line of widening of Washington Street, (being a line parallel to, and distant two feet and $\frac{100}{100}$ of a foot westwardly from, the front line of the Williams Market building,) sixty nine feet and $\frac{30}{100}$ of a foot; thence westwardly, by Dover Street, twenty two hundredths of a foot, to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty square feet, more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Catesbrough dated December 18th 1854, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Washington Street, as aforesaid, will amount to four hundred dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

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Washington

Street.

Williams

Market.

The Committee on Fire Alarms, to whom was referred the petition of Engine Company No. 1, for an Alarm Engine No. 1, held on the High School House, having considered that subject, respectfully report, that, in account of the lateness of the season, the subject be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, B. L. Allen, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Tuesday next at four o'clock. P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty sixth day of December, Anno Domini, 1854

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen

For.

Petition of Ephraim W. Tarr respecting his discharge from the Police and requesting a hearing thereon: was referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Petition of Michael Enwright
for leave to move a wooden building at South Boston. Referred to
the Committee on Paving with full powers.

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Enwright.

The Superintendent of Sewers
presented to the Board a schedule of assessment for construction
of a sewer in Eighth and E. streets. Referred to the Committee
on Sewers and Drains.

Eighth St.

Sewer

Petition of C. Porter for abatement
of assessment for construction of a sewer in Congress Street. Refer-
red to the Committee on Sewers.

Porter.

Communication from William C.
Burston respecting the new lot of land for the East Boston School
House: read and placed on file.

Burston.

E. B. Sch. House

Petition of Ezra Amistade for re-
imbursement of expense attending the investigation of his official
conduct as Superintendent of Health. Referred to the Committee
on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 20. Came up concurred.

Amistade

The Committee on Public Build-
ings to whom was referred an order of the City Council, directing
them to consider and report if any building belonging to the City
can be used for the purpose of confining vagrants and inebriates
therein, and if such confinement can be lawfully made, under
the Statutes of the Commonwealth in any building other than a
Jail or House of Correction, have attended to the subject and Re-
port: That all the Police Station Houses belong to, or are controlled
by the City, and according to the accompanying opinion of the City
Solicitor, the persons spoken of in the order can be confined therein,

Vagrants.

822 or in any other building controlled by the City, provided such confinement shall in no case, exceed twenty-four hours for the Committee,
Dec. 26 1854. W. Hartburn Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 28. Came up concurred.

Shaving
Street.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred an order of Sep 25. respecting the laying out of Shaving Street, reported a reference of said subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Simmons

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David A. Simmons to be paid an additional compensation for his land taken to extend Multham Street in 1847. Having examined the subject, report, that S. P. Fuller, who made the survey of the land taken, says he is of the opinion that the survey was right, and that he adheres to this opinion notwithstanding the recent survey of Mr. Wadsworth goes to show that there was an error in the survey of 1847 and the Committee in consequence of the conflict of opinion as to the matter, deem it proper to recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, John T. Dingley Chairman. Read and accepted.

Grange
Lane.

Whereas pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the thirty first day of July 1854, public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Grange Lane, the cost of which, was Seven hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety three cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains five hundred and thirty six dollars ²⁰/₁₀₀ to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered,

that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being 823.
benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, Dec. 26. 1854.
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their pro-
portional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

On petition of James W. Abbott & Abbott
others that a nuisance in Norwich Street may be abated,
the Committee on Internal Health reported a reference of the
same to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Commons Raymond, Raymond
and others for renewal of leases under Faneuil Hall, reported Faneuil Hall
in favor of renewing the same as follows - Manning & Glover leases.
\$2400 per annum - Babson & Deacon \$2600 per annum - Commons Ray-
mond \$1300 per annum - Isaiah T. Conant \$712 per annum - Gould &
M^r. Arny \$600 per annum. Read and approved.

The Joint Standing Committee Winslow
on Claims, to whom was referred the application of Benjamin
Winslow, to be compensated for damages by a fall in a public
street near the United States Hotel, respectfully report, that, in the
opinion of the Committee, the City is not liable for damages in the
case, and they therefore recommend that the applicant have leave
to withdraw. For the Committee, J. Gunham Jr. Chairman. Read,
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 28. Came up concu-
red.

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Ordered: That the sum of twenty eight dollars be paid Dr. Joseph S. Jones for professional services rendered to certain individuals by order of the Police and Watch at sundry times, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Civil Claims. In Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Claims with instructions for the Committee to hear the party and report at the next meeting of that Board. Came up for concurrence Read and concurred.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor, Paul J. Vinal, James Mc Britts, Cromwell G. Rowell, Isaiah D. Robbins, & Rufus C. Brackett, were appointed on the Watch and Police.

Deer Island

Steam.

The Committee on Institutions &c. to whom was referred the order of December 7. 1854. respecting the expediency of establishing Steam communication with Deer Island respectfully Report: That said subject be referred to the next City Council. In the Committee, J. T. C. Smith Chairman. accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 28. Came up concurred.

Little.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Little, wife of John Little, who was killed at a fire in Commercial Street, for pecuniary assistance, respectfully report, that the Committee after diligent search, have been unable to find the petitioner; and they therefore recommend, that the petition be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 28. Came up concurred.

The Standing Committee 325

on claims to whom was referred the petition of Charles H. Bacon Dec. 26, 1854
to be paid for damage sustained to his horse and chair in Arnold
street, respectfully report, that, in the opinion of the Committee,
the City is not liable for any damages in this case; and they
therefore recommend, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.
For the Committee, J. Dunham, Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down
for concurrence. Dec. 28. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Finance Appropriations

to whom was referred the Auditor's communication of the 14th Inst. Incidental.
respecting the appropriation for incidental expenses, report and re-
commend to the City Council the passage of the order annexed. For
the Committee, J. U. C. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of
twelve thousand dollars be transferred from the Reserved Fund
and added to the appropriation for incidental expenses Passed
in Common Council. Yeas 37. Nays none. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred. Yeas. The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe,
Dingley, Washburn, Dunham, Drake, Osborne and Williams, 9. Nays 0.

Communication from the Hon. Library

Robert C. Winthrop, Chairman of the Commissioners on the erection Commission.
of a building for the Public Library, stating that a small appro-
priation will be needed to meet some preliminary expenses. Came
up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Ordered: That the sum of Appropriations

Two thousand dollars be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund, and
placed on the Auditor's Books at the disposal of the Commissioners
for the erection of a building for the Public Library. Passed in Common
Library.

826 Council - Yeas 38, Nays 0. Came up for concurrence. Read and
Dec. 6 1854 concurred. Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Munroe, Dingley,
Dunham, Drake, Colborne, Williams & Say Alderman Washburn.

Soup Depots.

The Mayor having suggested to
the Board the propriety of establishing Soup Depots in various sec-
tions of the City for the benefit of the poor, it was ordered on motion
of Alderman Colborne, That the Mayor be and he is hereby author-
ized to establish Depots for the purpose of serving out Soup to the destitute
poor, under such regulations as he may see fit to adopt, the expense
attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for incidental
expenses and Miscellaneous claims. Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 28. Came up concurred

Whitney

On motion of Alderman Drake,
the deed of land in Brookline, near the Reservoir, to Aaron Whitney
was taken from the table and referred to the Mayor, Aldermen Wil-
liams, Drake and Dunham to report thereon respecting the expediency
of approving the same.

Clark

Ordered: That the salary voted
by this Council to be paid to Charles S. Clark late acting Chief
Engineer be continued during the entire quarter, upon which he
had entered when superseded by the concurrent action of the Board
of Mayor and Aldermen. Passed in Common Council. Came up
for concurrence. Said order having been amended by striking
out all after "and" inserting "to December 31st" it was rejected by
the following vote - Yeas The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, & Dunham
3. Nays Aldermen Munroe, Dingley, Washburn, Drake, Colborne
and Williams - 6

The Committee to whom were 827

referred the papers from the last City Council relating to the sale of Sec. 26, 1854. Council Hall Market have considered that subject and reported Council Hall in print (City Rec. N^o 114) a reference of said subject to the next City Market. Council. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee to whom was Station House

referred the order from the City Council for the alterations and erecting new cells for Police Station N^o 4 and also for a Ward Room for Ward N^o 8. Report: That upon examining the Station House now occupied for District N^o 4 in the judgement of the Committee the location is not where it ought to be, and the necessary expense that would be required to make this building in a proper condition, such as erecting new cells and other alterations that would be required, it would not be for the interest of the City to expend any money on this building, and as there has been an appropriation made by the City Council of the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing an estate for a Station House for District N^o 4 the Committee, with the officers of this Station, have examined an estate situated on Eliot Street, belonging to the estate of Mr. Howe, it being centrally situated and near Washington Street, and meeting the full approbation of the officers in regard to the locality and suitability in the construction of the Building thereon and the advantage it has over other estates in regard to alterations, the Committee are of an opinion that it would be for the best interest of the City to purchase this estate. Therefore they would recommend the following order. For the Committee, B. S. Allen. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be and are authorized to purchase the estate situated on Eliot Street belonging to the heirs of Mr.

N^o 14.

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Dec. 26, 1854. have, for the purpose of a Police Station, and also for a Ward Room
in Third St., not to exceed the sum of Ten thousand dollars,
to be charged to the appropriation for that object. Passed. Sent
down for concurrence.

Janeuil Hall
market.

The Committee on Public Build-
ings to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Address as relates
to improvements in Janeuil Hall Market Building have considered
that subject and Report. That in the opinion of the Committee, great
and productive improvements can be made in the building, not ex-
ceeding one hundred thousand dollars in cost, which will increase
its annual net income at least fifteen thousand dollars, without
increasing the rent of that part of the building now used as a
market. But as no material change in the building can take
place before the first of July next by reason of existing leases your
Committee recommend that the subject be referred to the early
and favorable consideration of the next City Council. For the Com-
mittee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Received. Sent down for concu-
rence. Dec. 28. Came up concurred.

Open Markets.

The Committee on Public Build-
ings to whom was referred an order of the City Council direct-
ing them to consider the expediency of erecting two or more
Market Houses at different points of the City, with open sides
similar to those in Baltimore and other southern cities, have
considered that subject and Report. The Committee are not
well acquainted with the practical working of the Market House
as spoken of in the order; and as there some doubt whether open
markets in our narrow streets and cold climate, will answer
as well as in the wide streets and warm climate of our south-
ern cities; and as the whole subject of our existing market system

is involved in the question of the sale of Minuit Hall. Market," 829.
now before the City Council, your Committee are of opinion that Dec. 26. 1854
no definite action upon the subject matter of the order is expedient
at the present time. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman.
Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Committee Back Bay
on the subject, have farther time to report in relation to the Back Bay
Bay Lands. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the Library
subject of the report of the Special Committee on locating the Public location.
Library in the Public Garden &c. was taken up, and after a brief
consideration of the subject, it was laid upon the table.

On petition of the People's Ferry People's Ferry
Company, the Committee on Streets reported to the Board a list of tolls tolls.
to be paid to and observed by the People's Ferry Company - as follows -
Rates of Toll established for and to be observed by the People's
Ferry Company - Boston to East Boston 1854. Foot Passengers, each
2 cents - Children under ten years of age, one cent. Light Vehicles.
Pleasure carriages drawn by -

One horse with not more than two persons and driver -	10 cents
Two horses " " " " four " " " " -	15 "
Three " " " " six " " " " -	20 "
Four " " " " eight " " " " -	25 "

Every additional passenger two cents each.

Trams - Carts & Wagons drawn by

One horse and weighing not more than 2000 lbs	10 cents
Two horses over 2000 lbs not exceeding 5000 lbs	15 "

830 Three horses over 5000 lbs not exceeding 6000 lbs 20 cents.
 Dec. 26, 1854 Four " 6000 " " 7000 lbs 25 "

All loads measuring more than 25 feet in length over all may be charged the same rate as hay wheels.

Trucks drawn by 1 horse and weighing not more than 2000 lbs 14 cents

2 horses over 2000 lbs & not exceeding 5000 lbs 17 "

3 do over 5000 " " 6000 lbs 25 "

4 do over 6000 " " 7000 lbs 35 "

Gray Wheels, drawn by one or two horses and not weighing

more than 5000 lbs loaded 34 cts, not loaded 17 "

3 horses over 5000 lbs not exceeding 6000 lbs 40 " 20 "

4 horses over 6000 " " 7000 lbs 50 " 25 "

Of Teams the same as horse teams. One driver allowed to each team. Teams shall be weighed when required by the Superintendent. The scale of lengths and weights shall be strictly adhered to and if found to weigh or measure more than allowed by the tariff, and not exceeding 7000 lbs the higher rate of toll may be charged. Horses or oxen are not allowed to be detached from the Teams, and paid for separately. No load weighing more than 7000 lbs may be allowed to pass the Ferry. Each additional horse in any carriage or team of any description 5 cents. Fourteen tickets for a one horse vehicle 100 cents Eight tickets for a two horse vehicle 100 cents. Six for a three horse vehicle 100 cents. Sixty foot passenger tickets for 100 cents. 4 horse with rider or loader 5 cents. Man and handcart or wheelbarrow 5 cents. Horses or oxen not belonging to any team, each 3 cents. Other cattle each 3 cents. Sheep, swine, or goats, per dozen 6 cents.

Permits. One person on foot for one year 500 - Two persons of the same family, one year \$2.00. After two persons have been placed on a family ticket for each of their children, unmarried and residing in

the family, over six years of age and under twenty one, per year, \$1.00 831.
Each apprentice residing in a family in East Boston and under Sec. 26. 1854.
twenty one years of age, per year 100 cents. Each female domestic
when actually employed as such in a family residing in East
Boston, and not doing work elsewhere, per year, one dollar. The
name of each person is to be written on the permit, and all permits
will be forfeited if loaned to any other person to pass the Ferry. Fami-
lies consisting of a man, his wife, and children under 21 years of age,
and residing in the family, on foot or in a one horse carriage,
per year \$25. Boarders, Visitors, Domestic, Apprentices or hired men,
are not included in family permits; nor do such permits allow the
transportation of any goods, wares, merchandize, or passengers other than
those whose names appear on said permits. Apprentices or Domestic
will not be allowed to pass on a Domestic or Apprentice ticket any
longer than they reside in the family, and in case they leave the
family the permit taken out for them, must be surrendered to
the Superintendent before a new one need be granted to another.
Light wagons, or other vehicles, drawn by one horse, and not
weighing over 1600 lbs, when empty, and load not measuring over
15 feet in length over all, nor weighing over 2000 lbs, with driver only
to pass once each way per day, one year - \$30.00. Light Vehicles, load-
ed or not loaded may pass twice each way, per day, one year \$50.00.
Light Vehicles, loaded or not loaded, may pass three times each
way per day, one year, \$65.00. Permits for the above named vehicles
shall be granted for six months at three fifths of the above rates,
and for three months at two fifths. All permits to be paid for in
cash when issued. No person shall pass the Ferry without paying
toll unless they actually have a permit, and can produce the same
to the Tollman; except, and provided, that members of the City

832 Council, and officers in the employment of the City of Boston, and all teams owned by, and in the employment of the City of Boston shall be allowed to pass each way free of toll. All permits may terminate on the last day of June, commencing on the first days of July, October and January. No allowance for intermediate time need be made. Persons indebted to the Ferry may be required to settle their accounts before renewing a permit. Baggage each and every barrel not in a cart or vehicle may be charged 3 cents. Each and every half barrel not in a cart or vehicle 2 cents. All other articles in proportion. Read and adopted.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at 3 1/2 o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty eighth day of December, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Munigle

Remonstrance of Susan Munigle against closing the cellar doorway on her estate in North Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Stowell

Petition of Alexander Stowell to be paid for damages sustained by him as tenant at the corner of Union & Hanover Streets. Referred to the Special Com^{rs} on that subject.

In application of the Centenary

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Church Society at South Boston, Samuel Tompkins was appointed
a Special Police Officer for their place of worship.

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Special Police.

Whereas in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Washington Street should be widened near the corner of Dover Street; in addition to the recent widening of No. 21st West it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the Williams Market Corporation, that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of its land as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that this twenty eighth day of December inst. at four o'clock P.m., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Washington

Street

Williams

Market.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the application of Chester D. Holmes for the benefit of the Franklin Fund, reported in favor of the approval of the duties offered by him. Accepted.

Holmes

Franklin Fund.

Ordered, That there be paid to William Hawksbury the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars for land taken for the purpose of a highway in the Town of Wintthrop on Bond thirty upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Hawksbury

Ordered, That there be paid to Ebenezer Francis the sum of six hundred dollars for land taken to widen Beverly Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the

Francis

c. 14 same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages,
c. 15 1854 cts and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the
same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims

Simmons

On motion of Alderman Dingley
the vote, whereby the Board gave David S. Simmons leave to with-
draw his petition for additional compensation for land taken to
extend Waltham Street, was reconsidered, and the subject was
referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Morgan
Corvett Street

Ordered: That the sum of sixty
three dollars assessed upon Enos Morgan, by an order of this Board
January 30th 1854, for his proportion of the cost of constructing the
common sewer in Corvett & Jeffries Streets for lot N^o 141, 62, and
the same is hereby stated, and the same amount is hereby as-
sessed upon the heirs of Aaron B. Fairbanks.

Middlesex
Rail Road

Agreeably to a signment the Board
took up the subject of the location of the Middlesex Rail Road
in this City, and Messrs C. Johnson, Garrison Ritchie, and T. S.
Parant, representing several abutters on Dorsey Street having
asked further time to consider the matter, the further hearing was
postponed to Saturday next at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Dorchester
Avenue
Rail Road.

No parties appearing to object to
the proposed location of the Dorchester Avenue Rail Road within
the limits of this City, the subject was recommended to the special
committee on that subject with instructions to report a plan of
location of said road.

On communication of letter 835

crine P. Dow respecting the dangerous nature of the passageway to houses 101 & 103 Rodney Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the subject of the communication is under consideration, and that no further action is required on the communication. Accepted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the subject of the petition of the Liverpool Wharf Corporation to be paid for construction of a common sewer through their property reported that, as the sewer was made for the special benefit of the Corporation, the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On communication of S. B. Morse

respecting the indices to records in Registry of Deeds, the Committee on County Accounts reported, that, having heard the parties in fact, the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

On petition of James Nightingale

to be paid for land taken to widen Bedford Street the Committee on Laying out and widening Streets reported that it is inexpedient to take any action in the matter until after the expiration of the tenant's lease. Read and accepted.

On petition of Henry S. Gurney

and others that Marginal Street be lighted, the Committee on Lamps reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the notice of Solomon Piper of intention

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E. and Eighth

streets

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to build on the street, reported, that the matter be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Whereas pursuant to Orders of this Board, passed on the 20th day of Oct. and the 6th day of Nov. a common sewer has been constructed in E. and Eighth streets the cost of which was Three hundred and thirty one dollars and seventy cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred & forty eight dollars & 10 cts. to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessors.

Hodge

Springton Street

Ordered: That the sum of thirty dollars and fifty nine cents assessed by an order of this Board Sept. 14th 1854 on Mrs. John Hodge for her proportion of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Springton Street, be, and the same is hereby abated in consequence of her inability to pay the same.

Porter

Congress Street

Ordered: That for the reasons set forth in the petition of Charles Porter in relation to the assessment for a common sewer in Atkinson Street, now Congress Street, that the order which passed this Board on the 14th day of September, establishing an assessment for the construction of said common sewer, be, and the same is hereby rescinded and declared of no effect, and the Superintendent of Common Sewers

and he is hereby directed to present a revised schedule and assessment for said Common Sewer.

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Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Washington Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to the Williams Market Corporation, bounded as follows, viz: Eastwardly by land lately taken from the said Corporation to widen the said Washington Street, there measuring twenty feet and $\frac{12}{100}$ of a foot; Westwardly by the said street, nineteen feet and $\frac{42}{100}$ of a foot; and Southwardly by the southerly line of land of the said Corporation, four feet and $\frac{60}{100}$ of a foot; containing forty square and $\frac{7}{10}$ of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, and the said Williams Market Corporation consents to said taking as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by E. A. Chubbrough dated December 21st 1854 and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Washington Street, as aforesaid, will amount to One hundred and thirty six & $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars: which sum together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said Street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars

Washington
Street.

Williams

Market

Corporation.

Ordered: That there be paid to the Williams Market Corporation the sum of Five hundred and

Williams
Market.

538 thirty six ²⁵ no dollars for land taken to widen Washington Street;
Dec 28. 1854 upon their giving to the City a deed for the same, and an ac-
quittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to
the appropriation for laying out and widening streets.

Hawkins
Street.

The Committee to whom was re-
ferred the following mentioned papers, to wit; Report respecting Haw-
kins Street, and Hells & Ralls' intention to build; the Communication
of John M. Bernard respecting the widening of Ives & Hawkins Street.
the communication of Nathaniel Adams and others respecting
the widening of Hawkins Street. The petition of George Barlett and
others for removal of obstructions on Ives and Hawkins Streets.
Hells and Ralls' intention to build on the corner of Hawkins and
Sudbury Streets the petition of Nathaniel Adams and others that
Hawkins Street may be widened; the communication of John
M. Bernard and others, offering to contribute \$2100 towards the
widening of the southerly side of Hawkins Street; the petition of
John Hull, and A. H. Bowman to be paid for damages occasion-
ed by cutting off their land on Adams and Ives Streets; Counse-
ling & Adams' intention to build on Hawkins & Sudbury Streets,
and the remonstrance of Miss Williams and others against
the proposed widening of Hawkins Street as prayed for by Nathaniel
Adams and others; - would respectfully report: that they have
had the subject under investigation and think it expedient to
refer the whole subject matter referred to in the foregoing papers to
the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen. John A. Singely, for the
Committee. Read and accepted.

On petition of Calvin Damon 839.

and others, for the widening of London Street, the Committee on Streets Dec. 28. 1854. reported, that, it is expedient to widen London Street, as prayed for, provided the abutters in said street will agree to pay the expense thereof. London Street. of. Accepted.

The Committee to whom Howard

was referred the report of Committee of 1853. on extension of Howard Street: the petition of J. M. Emery, that obstructions be removed from Howard Street, and said street be graded: Having considered the subject matter thereof, would respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their early consideration. John T. Ingley, Chairman of Committee on laying out & widening Streets. Read and accepted.

On petition of A. B. Newcomb & Newcomb.

others for abatement of a nuisance in Eighth Place the Committee on Internal Health reported that said place being private property this Board has no jurisdiction over the same, and they recommend that the subject of lighting said place be referred to the Committee on Streets. Received.

On motion of Alderman Williams Court Street

the order of the Board authorizing the pavement of Court Street with iron near the Court House was taken from the table and referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

On motion of Alderman Drake Richardson

the report of the Committee on Paving respecting the sidewalk Sea Street. in Sea Street opposite Thomas Richardson's premises, was taken from the table, the following report was substituted in place thereof - viz: - That leave be granted to remove the sidewalk on land owned by the City as a continuation of Summer Street easterly from Broad or Sea

810 Street, provided the same is done at the cost of the petitioner and
Dec. 18, 1854 provided that nothing herein contained shall in any way impair
or abridge any rights of the city in the premises. Read and accepted.

Prince

On petition of Samuel Prince for re-
newal of the lease from the city to him for the site in the old Han-
cock School House, the committee on Public Buildings reported in
favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner upon the present terms.
Approved.

Leeds

On petitions of Timothy G. Leeds and

Richardson

others to be paid for the land contributed by them to the sidewalk

Hancock

in East Street of John L. Richardson and others that First Street

Free Bridge

may be extended in a southerly direction of the Hancock Free Bridge

Boque

corporation that the lower part of Spruett Street may be accepted

Mr. Kay

of Maria B. Boque, that she be paid for land taken to widen Greenough

Finch

Lane of Donald M. Kay that Liberator Street may be widened

Mason

of N. Finch, Jr. for the same of J. O. Mason and others that Myrtle

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Street be widened at the corner of W. Centre Street of Kirby Page and

Mussey

others that North Street be widened near Langdon Place of B. B.

Mussey and others for the extension of Chardon Street to Market Street

the committee on laying out and widening Streets, reported that

the several petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Howell

On petition of Alexander Howell to be
paid for damage sustained by him as tenant from the widening
of Union Street, the committee to whom the petition was referred
reported leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Albany

The committee on Streets to

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whom was referred the order of April 17, respecting the expediting

of laying out Albany Street between Oak and Orange Streets, 8/11.
reported a reference of the same to the next Board of Aldermen. Dec. 28, 1854.
Accepted.

On petitions of Otis Rich and Rich.
others that Essex Street be widened from Lincoln to South Streets. Kilder.
of J. S. Kilder and others for the extension of Mount Vernon Street. Brigham.
of William Brigham and others for the widening of Washington
Street near Union Park. of J. Atkinson and others for the extension. Atkinson
of Mount Vernon Street. of Hiram Woods for the same. Woods
A. Wingle and others for the extension of Lehigh Street. of B. M. Wingle
of Otis and others for the extension of Mount Vernon Street. of Sam. Otis
uel Sanford to be paid for damages to his property in Atkinson. Sanford
that now Congress Street. remonstrance of James C. Honner and Honner.
others against the widening of Essex Street. the Committee on
Streets reported a reference of said matters to the next Board of
Aldermen. Accepted.

The Committee on Streets, Summer
to whom was referred the order of February 4th respecting the con-
tinuation of Summer Street, reported that the subject be referred
to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted. Street.

The Committee on Streets, Sea Street.
to whom was referred the order of Sep. 25th respecting the widening of
Sea Street, between Summer and East Streets, reported a reference of
the same to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

The Committee on Streets to South Boston
whom was referred the report of the Committee on Streets for 1853. re-
specting obstructions in certain streets at South Boston, reported, that
for reasons contained in said report, the subject be referred to the
Streets.

next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

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South Street. The Committee on Streets to whom was referred an order of Sep. 25. respecting the widening of South Street near the Old London Rail Road Station, reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Thomas
Lynch
Cunningham
Bruckell. The Committee on Streets to whom were referred the notices of intention to build by John Thomas on North Street, James Lynch on Broad Street, and Cunningham on corner of Milk and Federal Streets, Jeffry C. Bruckell on Eliot Street, reported a reference of the said subjects to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted.

Poplar Street
Land. On communication of Public Land Commissioners respecting land at the foot of Poplar Street, the Committee on Streets reported that it is inexpedient to take any further action in the matter. Read and accepted.

City Hall.
new. Whereas, the present City Hall is insufficient, inconvenient, and in many respects unsuitable for the transaction of the various and rapidly increasing public business of the City, therefore, Resolved, as the opinion of the City Council that the true interest of the City requires the erection at an early day of a new and more commodious City Hall, equal to the present and prospective wants of the City. Resolved, that the central portion of the ground west of Abchurch Street known as the Public Garden, is the proper location for said City Hall. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Olli- 843

come the report of the Committee on the Public Library in relation Dec. 28. 1854.
to the location of the Public Library Building on the Boylston Street Library.
site was taken from the table, and was afterwards retained thereon
for the introduction of the following order, viz: Ordered: That
the Board of Commissioners for the erection of a building for the
Public Library be and they are hereby authorized and instructed
to locate the Public Library on some part of the central portion of
the Public Garden, having in view the probabilities of the location
on the same grounds of a City Hall and other City buildings
and that they be authorized to confer with the City Engineer in
relation to said subject. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Alderman Wil- Land

liams the order of July 10th concerning the expediency of repealing Commission
the Ordinance establishing a Public Land Commission was
taken from the table and referred to the next City Council. Sent
down for concurrence. Aye up concurred.

The Committee on Public Lands Briggs.

to whom was referred the petition of E. & H. Briggs for the purchase
of land at South Boston, would submit the following report,
that said petition be referred to the next City Council. John T.
Dingley for the Committee. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
Aye up concurred.

The Committee on Public Hunnewell.

Lands, to whom was referred the petition of H. H. Hunnewell
asking for the removal of certain conditions contained in
his deed of land, situated at the corner of Washington and

844.
Dec. 28. 1854. Worcester Streets, having duly considered the subject, recommend the adoption of the following order. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, to rescind the restrictions as to the time for building; and modifying the conditions relative to the width of buildings, provided said lots are improved for dwelling houses of not less than twenty feet front; also, that the city Council approve of the dwelling erected on lot No. 1 on the northeasterly corner of Washington and Worcester Streets John T. Gingley for the Committee. Passed. Went down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Vaughn
& Wheeler.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Vaughn and W. J. Wheeler, have duly considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following order. John T. Gingley for the Committee. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to refund to Samuel Vaughn & W. J. Wheeler \$7.75 cents the same being the 15 p. ct. to which they are entitled for having erected a dwelling house on lot No. 56 Chester Square. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Furnsworth.

The Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Isaac D. Furnsworth have duly considered the same, and would submit the following Report: That the time in which the petitioner had as per contract with the city, to erect and complete four dwelling houses upon Waltham Street be extended to October 1st 1855. Also, that if the said Furnsworth shall erect and complete, two three story brick dwelling houses upon two other lots upon Waltham Street, the same being the lots which are in the rear

of those held by him on Shawmut Avenue, he shall be entitled 875
to a discount of twenty per cent upon the price paid for said lot, Dec. 28, 1854.
provided the same are completed within two years from January
1st 1855. For the Committee, Allen T. Dingley. Accepted. Sent down
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Assessors' Department, to whom was referred the petition of Prentiss Hobbs
for abatement of his taxes for the year 1853, have considered the
same and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following
order. For the Committee, Geo. H. Williams, Chairman. Ordered: That
the sum of one hundred and fifteen ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars be and the same
is hereby abated from the tax assessed upon Prentiss Hobbs for the
year 1853. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Assessors' Department to whom was referred the petition of William C. Fay
No: for abatement of taxes assessed upon said firm the present year,
having examined into the case, refer the petitioners to the Board
of Assessors for adjustment of their claim. For the Committee, Geo.
H. Williams, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred.

The Committee on the Assessors' Department to whom was referred the petition of J. M. Howden No:
for abatement of taxes assessed upon said firm the current year,
having examined into the case, refer the petitioners to the Board
of Assessors for adjustment of their claim. For the Committee, Geo. H.
Williams, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came
up concurred.

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Hunnaman,

Hazen Ho.

Reportment to whom was referred the petition of Hunnaman, Hazen Ho. that the tax assessed upon their personal property during the present year may be abated, have heard the petitioners, and Report: That the said tax was assessed wholly upon the stock of said firm, which was almost wholly destroyed by the falling of their granite store in Broad Street on the 22^d of August last. Your Committee therefore think the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order. In the Committee, Geo. F. Williams, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of One hundred and ten ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars assessed upon Hunnaman, Hazen Ho. during the present year be and the same is hereby abated. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Homer.

The Committee on Public Lands

to whom was referred the petition of Henry Homer having duly considered the subject recommend the adoption of the following order. In the Committee, John A. Dingley. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be instructed to cancel the bonds held by the City against Henry Homer for lots 29 on Springfield Street, and No. 120 on Northampton Street, and transfer the amounts already paid by him for said lots, to the credit of the amount due from said Homer to the City, upon lots 131 & 133 Northampton Street, upon his surrendering the agreements of sale now held by him for lots 29 & 120 as aforesaid. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Chickering.

The Joint Standing Committee

on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Messrs Chickering & Sons asking for an abatement of the assessment

levied on them for entering the Common Sewer on Northampton Street, submit the following report and order. The Superintendent of Sewers was directed by an order passed Dec. 4/31 to charge for every lot of land which may be drained into any Common Sewer (the cost of which has been paid for out of the appropriation for Public Lands) at the rate of one cent for each and every foot of land contained in said lot, and that no permit to enter the Common Sewer shall be granted until the amount so charged be paid. In conformity to the foregoing order, Messrs Chickering & Sons were assessed 696.32 for entering the Common Sewer in Northampton Street, while the whole cost of constructing the sewer was but 301.35. The Committee consider this assessment unreasonable as it amounts to more than double the cost of construction, while the lots on the opposite side of the street remain to be assessed. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order. John T. Dingley for the Committee. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be authorized to abate the assessment of Messrs Chickering and Sons for entering the Common Sewer on Northampton Street, so that it shall not exceed the whole cost of the sewer now laid in said street. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel C. Ratt, that the suit brought against him may be discontinued, respectfully report, that the said matter, in the judgement of the Committee, should be referred to the next City Council. In the Committee, J. Dunham Jr. Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Ratt.

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South Bay
Lands.

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the South Bay Lands, report that they have made considerable progress and have fully and satisfactorily agreed upon the terms of a settlement of the whole subject, but as it may require several days to draw up the papers and complete all the details, they respectfully suggest the passage of the following order. To the Committee, J. Durham, Chairman. Ordered, That the Joint Committee on the South Bay Lands to whom was referred the report of the Land Commissioners with full powers be authorized to complete any arrangements they may have made, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign any agreements of the Committee, notwithstanding the expiration of the municipal year, provided that the same cannot be practically done during the present week. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Public Land
Ordinance

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the order of April 20th in relation to a conference with the Board of Public Land Commissioners, with reference to amending the Ordinance under which the said Commissioners derive their authority in the management and care of the Public Lands. Report—recommending the reference of the whole subject to the next City Council. To the Committee. Geo. Clarke, Chairman. Accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lumber
Survey of

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred various papers in relation to the survey of Lumber. Report: recommending the reference of the said papers and the whole subject to the next City Council. To the Committee. Geo. Clarke, Chairman. Accepted & sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lands, to whom was referred the order for the Committee to consider and report whether any, and if any, what action is necessary in relation to the conditions of the deeds given by the City, conveying the lots of land on Chester Street, Chester Square, and in the lots in the south part of the City, have duly considered the subject, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying document. John T. Dingley, for the Committee. Ordered: That in all cases where a deed of land sold and conveyed by the City of Boston to any person or persons has contained conditions regulating the distance at which the buildings to be erected on such land should be set back from the line of the street or square, the placing of any building upon said land having a swelled or rounded front or other projecting part though nearer to the line of such street or square than the distance prescribed for the line of the building itself, shall not be deemed a breach of such condition or a forfeiture of said land; provided however that some part of the outside line of the front wall of such building is parallel with and set back the required distance from the line of the street or square upon which the same may be situated. And the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a general deed of disclaimer and release of all the right or claim which the City of Boston may have in and to any of said lots of land or against the owners thereof by reason of such breach of any of said conditions. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

The Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances who were authorized to revise the Ordinances of the City to conform with the amended City Charter presented their report

Ordinances revised.

850 in print (being City Doc. N^o 83) wherein after reciting the difficulties
Dec. 28. 1884 which they encountered in the discharge of this duty, they reported
that they had presented a separate ordinance on every subject where
amendments were found necessary and they recommended the
adoption of said Ordinances as follows, and as recorded in the Book
kept for that purpose - viz:

1. An Ordinance in relation to the care and superintendence of
the South Boston Bridges - City Doc. N^o 84.
2. An ordinance in relation to Buildings. City Doc. N^o 85.
3. An ordinance in relation to Chimneys. City Doc. N^o 86.
4. An ordinance in relation to Commons and Squares. City Doc. N^o 87.
5. An ordinance in relation to Criers. City Doc. N^o 88.
6. An ordinance respecting the going at large of Dogs. City Doc. N^o 89.
7. An ordinance in relation to Elections. City Doc. N^o 90.
8. An ordinance in relation to a Superintendent of Faneuil Hall. City Doc. N^o 91.
9. An ordinance in relation to Faneuil Hall Market. City Doc. N^o 92.
10. An ordinance in relation to Finance. City Doc. N^o 93.
11. An ordinance in relation to the Fire Department. City Doc. N^o 94.
12. An ordinance in relation to Fire Arms. City Doc. N^o 95.
13. An ordinance in relation to Boston Harbor. City Doc. N^o 96.
14. An ordinance in relation to Hay Poles. City Doc. N^o 97.
15. An ordinance in relation to the Public Health. City Doc. N^o 98.
16. An ordinance in relation to Lumber. City Doc. N^o 99.
17. An ordinance in relation to Officers and Office hours. City Doc. N^o 100.
18. An ordinance in relation to Ordinances. City Doc. N^o 101.
19. An ordinance in relation to the Police. City Doc. N^o 102.
20. An ordinance in relation to Printing. City Doc. N^o 103.
21. An ordinance in relation to Public Buildings. City Doc. N^o 104.
22. An ordinance in relation to Public Lands. City Doc. N^o 105.

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| 23. An ordinance in relation to the City Registrar | City Doc. No 106, | 851 |
| 24. An ordinance in relation to Dealers in Second hand Articles | City Doc. No 107 | |
| 25. An ordinance in relation to the City Solicitor. | City Doc. No 108 | |
| 26. An ordinance in relation to Streets. | City Doc. No 109. | |
| 27. An ordinance in relation to Taxes. | City Doc. No 110 | |
| 28. An ordinance in relation to Water. | City Doc. No 111. | |
| 29. An ordinance in relation to Wood, and Bark. | City Doc. No 112. | |
| 30. An ordinance in relation to the City Messenger. | City Doc. No 113. | |
| 31. An ordinance in relation to the Public Library. | City Doc. No 114. | |
| 32. An ordinance in relation to Lighters. | City Doc. No 115. | |
| 33. An ordinance in relation to Notices and Placards | City Doc. No 116. | |
| 34. An ordinance in relation to the Survey of Marble. | City Doc. No 117. | |

The foregoing Ordinances as numbered from 1. to 34, having been passed by the Common Council. came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Saturday next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty ninth day of December. A. D. 1854.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Williams.

Dec. 24 1854.

Light
Military

illery to be paid for a salute of 100 guns fired by said corps upon the Common on the 11th of July last in behalf of the City, and an order to pay said Company the sum of twenty five dollars though, were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Adjourned to Saturday (tomorrow) at ten o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Saturday the Thirtieth day of December, Anno Domini, 1854.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Smith

+ Turbell.

Wright.

Munigle.

On the petition of Smith and Turbell to be reimbursed for the expense of filling up a portion of Concord Street of James Wright for aid in raising his estate to the required grade on Silver Street; of Susan Munigle against closing the cellar doorway on her estate in North Street; the Committee on Paving reported that the several petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Howe.

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the claim of George Howe against the City for changing the grade of Water Street, reported, that the whole Board visited the premises and as the Committee are in possession of no new facts since the hearing before the full Board, that no further action is required thereon. Accepted.

On petition of Jane B. Long's 853

speculator for abatement of assessment for construction of a sidewalk in Liverpool Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the City Treasurer be authorized to grant an extension of time of payment for four months. Accepted. Dec. 30, 1854. Long.

On petition of Parker and Hall Parker

and others that Washington Street below Essex Street may be renumbered. of William H. Foster and others that a plank sidewalk be laid on Shawmut Avenue between Chester and Concord streets, the Committee on Paving reported a reference of said petition to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted. Hall. Foster.

The special committee who Boston

were authorized to report plans of streets to be laid out over the territory belonging to the Boston Wharf Co^s as per order of June 6th reported a reference of said subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted. Wharf Co^s.

On the communication of South Bay

Allen Putnam Esq^r respecting the present condition of the South Bay Bridge, the Committee on Bridges reported that no further action is required thereon. Accepted. Putnam.

On petition of Isaac Samuel's

to be paid for damage sustained to his drains in Orange Street of Jonathan Brown for the same. of Charles Rice and others that the High Street sewer may be relaid, the Committee on Sewers reported a reference of said subjects to the next Board of Aldermen. Accepted. Samuel's. Brown. Rice.

On petition of John H. Roberts Roberts.

to be paid for damage occasioned to his house by the change

1854 of the Sewer in South Cedar Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported that, as the subject of complaint originates, as they think, on the petitioners premises and is not occasioned by the City, the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Boole

On petition of Gulon Boole for abatement of an assessment for construction of a sewer in Fourth Street, the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted

Parker.

On the petition of Eben Parker for abatement of assessment for construction of a Sewer in New Street, the Committee on Sewers reported, that having examined the subject there should be abated on said assessment the sum of twenty four dollars and nineteen cents for reasons set forth in said petition. Accepted

Lewis

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John N. Lewis and others relating to the occupancy of temporary buildings in North and South Market Street for the sale of various commodities, and also the remonstrance of various persons against said petition, have considered that matter and Report: That in the opinion of the Committee, the whole ground in North and South Market Street is imperatively needed for the accommodation of those who bring produce directly from their own farms to those streets for sale, as well as for the greatly increased general business in that immediate vicinity. The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee, W. Westburn, Chairman. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market be, and he is hereby directed to notify the occupants of all temporary buildings or sheds in North

and South Market Streets, to vacate and remove the same from
said streets on or before the first day of April now next to follow. Read, Dec. 30. 1834.
accepted and the order passed.

Ordered: That there be paid to Boole

Galen Boole the sum of Twenty five dollars for damages occasioned
by the filling up of Fourth Street, upon his proving his title to the
estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving
to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages costs and
expenses in consequence of said filling up; and that the same be
charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Also ordered that the City
Treasurer deduct all sums due to the City by said Galen Boole from
the above amount.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police Pinckney

be directed to notify the owners of their estates on Pinckney Street
the passageways under which open into the street, to cause them to
be closed up within ten days after the passage of this order. If the said
passageways are not closed at the expiration of the ten days, the Chief
of Police is hereby directed to close them at the expense of said owners,
in such manner as shall make them secure to public travel, as the
said passageways are unlawful and dangerous to foot passengers.

The Committee on Paving, to which Spence.
was referred the within petitions of Edward Spence and Humphrey Sullivan.
Sullivan for damages occasioned by the widening of North Street, would
report that after investigating the same, it appears to the committee
that the damages alleged were occasioned by the widening of North
Street, and by no raising of the grade thereof. They therefore recom-
mend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee,
Geo. F. Williams Chairman Accepted.

Ordered: That in accordance

Dec. 30. 1856.
Mount
Washington
Avenue
Railroad.

with the provisions of the Charter of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation the consent of this Board be and the same is hereby granted to the location of a railroad track on said Avenue as follows: Commencing with a single track at the Worcester Rail Road Right of Way on the westerly side of Kneeland Street thence continuing on said southerly side of Kneeland Street to Sea Street, thence across Sea Street; thence upon and over said Avenue with a double track to the foot of T. and R. Sten. The gauge of said track to be 4 feet 8 1/2 inches and where a single track is laid the outer rail shall not be less than twelve feet and three inches from the opposite curb stone; the rails shall be of the same size and pattern as those used in the Third Avenue Railroad in New York. The method of construction to be similar to that adopted on the railroads in New York, and the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. And provided also, that at any time after the expiration of one year from the opening for use of the said railroad, the tracks of said road may be removed by the Board of Aldermen of said City if in their opinion the public convenience shall require it.

Meridian,
Eagle,
Union Street

Ordered: That the Board accept and adopt the revised grades of Meridian Street, between White and Bondar, and of Eagle and Union Streets, between Meridian and Brooks, proposed by the City Engineer; the said grades being shown on profiles of the said Streets, by the said Engineer, dated December 20th 1856. and deposited in the office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: provided, that the abutments release the City from all claims for damages on account of the change of grade.

to which was referred the order of May 8, in relation to the
 "Hon and Russ" pavements, would respectfully report that it is
 inexpedient to pave our streets with Russ pavement, but would
 call the early attention and favorable notice of the next Board
 of Aldermen to the Hon Pavement. In the Committee, George H.
 Williams, Chairman. Accepted.

Ordered: That the location | Dorchester

of the Dorchester Avenue Railroad shall be as follows. Com- | Avenue
 mencing on Dorchester Avenue at the dividing line between the | Rail Road.
 town of Dorchester and the City of Boston and running upon or
 near the centre of said Avenue to the North Truss Bridge, thence
 upon and over the centre of said Bridge to Sea Street thence upon
 or over the centre of Sea Street to Broad Street, thence upon or near
 the centre of Broad Street to a point near the junction of Broad
 Street and State Street said track to be a single one throughout
 said route with two turnouts, one on Broad Street near the foot
 of Summer Street and one on Dorchester Avenue, said turnouts
 not to exceed 100 feet each in length. The gauge of said track not
 to exceed more than four feet and eleven inches in width the rails
 to be of the same size and pattern as are used on Third Avenue
 Railroad in the City of New York, the method of construction to be
 similar to that adopted on the railroads in New York. The work
 to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and
 the Committee on Bridges. Passed. A motion to refer to the next
 Board of Aldermen having been lost by the following vote. Yeas Alder-
 men Munroe, Dingley, Washburn, and Fiske 14. Nays The Mayor,
 Aldermen Allen, Furham, Odiorne, and Williams 5.

Dec. 30 1854. Committee on that subject offered the following order. Ordered:
 New York That the Board accept the location of the Boston and New York
 Central Central Railroad, between First Street and the easterly side of
 Rail Road. Broad Street, as shown on a plan of the same signed by H. N.
 Water, Resident, and by Theodore. Wilkinon, Engineer of the said
 Railroad, and left on file in the office of the Mayor and Al-
 dermen, March 31st 1854: provided, that the said location has been
 made in conformity with the charter rights of the said Corpora-
 tion. Passed: a resolve offered by Alderman Drake as a substitute
 having been rejected.

Harbor
 obstructions

The Committee on the Harbor re-
 spectfully report: That they proceeded in July last to investigate
 the subject of encroachments upon the Harbor, by the extension of
 wharves and similar structures beyond the "Harbor lines" estab-
 lished by the Legislature on the recommendation of successive
 Boards of Commissioners; and notified parties in East Boston to
 appear before them. Objections having been made to the statements
 with regard to encroachments, made in the Report of the Har-
 bor Committee of 1852, and the accuracy of the measurements
 of the same having been denied; as these measurements, though
 believed to be accurate, had not been made by any one in the
 employment of the City, the City Engineer was instructed to make
 a thorough survey of the wharves in that part of the City. This
 survey has been completed, and plans of it are herewith submit-
 ted, which embody information of much importance, showing that
 the statements of the Harbor Committee of 1852, were correct, and
 that encroachments have been made by the following parties, to
 the extent stated in each case, viz: East Boston Ferry to Spring

Sliding between the two ferry slips is about 2 feet over. S. W. Pier is 85 ft.
about 9 feet over. East Boston Wharf to S. E. end of Wharf is 12 feet over; Dec. 30, 1854.
S. W. end, is 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. J. H. Gordon Pier is 18 ft. over. Brown & Farel.
S. E. end of wharf is 16 ft. over. S. W. end is 10 ft. over. Kelly and Holmes.
S. E. end of wharf is 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over; S. W. end is 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. Peoples Ferry
& Spring piling on S. E. side of Slip is about 23 ft. over; W. corner
of Wharf is 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. W. H. & S. D. Gardiner. S. E. end of wharf is 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
over; N. W. end is 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. L. Hicks. S. E. wharf. S. E. end is 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over;
N. W. end is 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. N. W. Wharf. S. E. end is 14 ft. over; W. end is 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft.
over. Aspinwall. S. wharf. S. E. end is 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over; W. end is 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over;
N. W. Wharf. S. E. end is 1 foot over. East Boston Dry Dock Co. S. W. Pier. S. E. end
is 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over; N. E. end is 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft. over. Owing to the lateness of the
season at which the survey and plans were completed, your
Committee have not had time to make proper arrangements for
proceeding against the parties above mentioned; but would recom-
mend that their cases, together with those of other parties, known
to have encroached beyond the Harbor Lines in other parts of the
city, be referred to the next City Government, for their early and
decided action. For the Committee, B. F. Allen. Read & accepted.

Agreeably to assignment the Middlesex
Board resumed the hearing on the subject of the Middlesex Rail Road.
Road, a remonstrance against the proposed location of said road signed
by Ebenezer Francis, John Miller, William Ellis and others was pre-
sented to the Board and said remonstrances were represented by
Edward D. Tenier and A. H. Durant, Esquires, who asked for further
time in which to submit testimony on the subject to the Board
whereupon the further hearing and also a sketch of a proposed loca-
tion for said route were referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Dec. 30. 1854. at the order of this Board of Dec. 28. respecting the location of a site
 Library. for the Public Library by striking out all in aid after the word "Or"
 location of. and inserting as follows: "That the Board of Commissioners
 for the erection of a building for the Public Library be and they
 lawfully are authorized to locate the building upon the lot situated
 upon Madison Street which has been purchased for that purpose -
 if in their opinion it be deemed expedient." Said action came up
 for concurrence. Read and concurred by the following vote. - Yeas
 the Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Dunham, Drake, Osborne & Williams. 6
 Nays Aldermen Munroe, Dingley and Washburn. 3

City Hall.

The Common Council having re-
 ferred to the next City Council the resolutions of this Board of Dec. 28th
 respecting the erection of a new City Hall on the Public Garden, said
 action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Documents

Ordered: That the Messenger be
 directed to cause the Documents of the members for the current
 year to be bound and distributed among them. Passed in Common
 Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Military
 Battery of

The Committee on Public Buildings
 to whom was referred an order of the City Council directing them
 to furnish a suitable building for the deposit & safe keeping of a
 Battery of Military, have attended to that matter, and recom-
 mend that the building situated on Cooper Street, known as
 the Endicott School Building, be fitted for the purpose contemplated
 by the order. But as the appropriation for Public Buildings is

nearly exhausted, the Committee hereby ask for an additional appropriation of two thousand eight hundred dollars for the purpose of making the necessary alterations. For the Committee, W. Washburn, Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having referred to the next City Council the report of the Committee on Public Buildings declaring it inexpedient to shut down Open Markets - said action came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

The Common Council having referred to the next City Council the report and order of the Committee on Public Buildings respecting a new Station House for District No 4 said action came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

The Common Council having referred to the next City Council the report of the Committee on Public Lands respecting the form of Deeds to be given to the parties purchasing lands of the City - said action came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Standing Committee on the City Debt. Reduction of the City Debt, respectfully report to the City Council the situation of the Debt of the City at this date, and the operations on that account, during the present financial year. Taking up the subject where the Auditor of Accounts left it in his last Annual Report, page 127, viz: on the 30th of April last, we find that the City Debt, exclusive of the Water Loans, at that time amounted to the sum of \$2,367, 594. 21
The amount of the Water Debt, per same Report, page 144, was 5,152, 261. 11

Dec. 30. 1854. All the City Debt, so termed, which has become due, or which will be due up to the close of the present municipal year, has been paid off, except one note of \$700, due in January last, which has not been called for. This note is provided for by funds in the Treasury, and has been charged off on the Auditor's Books.

The amount thus paid off is, \$46,813.00

In addition to which there has been anticipated, by payment before maturity of notes, amounting to, 135,900.00

Making a total payment of the City Debt proper, 182,713.00
since the 30th April last, of,

Water Debt. There has been paid on this Debt, all the notes which have matured on account of the Temporary Water Loan, being, 3,000.00

And one Certificate of Water Scrip, not matured, of, 1,000.00 4,000.00

Making a total payment on the Consolidated Debt, of, \$ 186,713.00

The only increase of the Debt during this financial year has been a loan of \$0.000 on account of the Public Lands, authorized in April last. The only other loan authorized this financial year is one for \$12,000 to complete the appropriation for a new Grammar School House, at South Boston, the money on which has not been obtained, and will not probably be wanted till after the commencement of the next financial year. The account with this Committee therefore stands as follows, viz:-

Balance to the credit of the Committee on the 1st of May, as per Auditor's Report, p. 119,

652,601.82

Amounts received since that time on account of sales of Public Lands,

2,946.37

Amounts received into the Treasury on Bonds Mortgages, 77,852.03 863
 Proportion of the Annual Tax specially appropriated to the
 Reduction of the Debt, as required by the 9th section of the
 Ordinance on Finance, 60,000.00
 793,400.22

From which deduct the payments on the Consolidated

Debt, as above stated, 186,713.00

Leaving a present Balance to the credit of this Committee, 606,687.22

This Balance will be chargeable with the following items, which
 become due before the 30th April next, when the present financial year
 will close, viz: City Debt, 467,600.00

Water Debt, 25,300.00

£ 492,900.00

These payments being made, there will be left a Balance to the
 credit of the Committee of £113,787.22, which will be increased by
 all the receipts in cash from sales of Public Lands, and from
 payments on Bonds and Mortgages, between this and the 30th
 April next. The Consolidated Debt of the City on the 20th of Decem-
 ber, 1853, was 7,843,712.77

The Consolidated Debt at this date is, 7,628,142.32

Reduction £ 215,570.45

The amount of means on hand on the 20th December 1853. was

Cash, 701,367.88

Bonds Mortgages, 789,315.00 1,490,682.88

The means on hand at this date, are

Cash, 606,687.22

Bonds Mortgages, 717,920.45 1,324,607.67

Reduction of means, 166,075.21

Reduction of Debt, as above, 215,570.45

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Dec. 30. 1854.

Reduction of Means, as above, 166,075.21

Net Gain on the Debt, \$149,495.24

J. C. Smith, Mayor. Alex. H. Rice, President of the Common Council.
 Martin F. Hall, Chairman of the Committee on Finance on the part
 of the Common Council. Accepted in Common Council. Came up
 for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Jones

The Joint Standing Committee
 on Claims, to whom was referred the draft of an order dated Decem-
 ber 21, 1854, to pay the sum of twenty eight dollars to Dr. Joseph L. Jones
 for professional services, with instructions for the Committee to
 hear the party, and report at the next meeting of this Board, would
 respectfully report: The Committee have given a hearing to Dr. Jones,
 and he has made the following statement to the Committee, which
 they have no reason to doubt, are true. Dr. Jones had been occasionally
 called by police officers, to perform similar services; and had been told
 by Mr. Tukey, when the latter was City Marshal, that when he was
 called by one of his officers, he should be paid. He had presented bills
 accordingly, and they had been paid without objection. The services
 for which compensation was now asked, were rendered, under the
 circumstances stated in the accompanying bill. The person mentioned
 in the charge of May, 1851, had been a pauper, and had come from
 Deer Island the day previous to the accident. The woman mentioned
 in the charge of October 4, 1851, was not a pauper. In relation to the charge
 of May, 1854, of \$20, the doctor was in a counting room in Sea Street on
 other business, when a poor woman, who said she had no home, was
 taken in labor on the sidewalk, under circumstances requiring
 immediate attention. At the request of a citizen not an officer the
 doctor attended to her, while he went to see about her being conveyed
 to the City Institutions at South Boston, which could not be ascertained.

after she should be delivered. Upon the foregoing facts, the committee 865
cannot see how the city are legally liable to Dr. Jones for the ser- Dec. 30. 1854.
vices rendered; but they submit the matter to the action of the City
Council. For the Committee, J. G. Sumner, Jr. Chairman. Accepted in
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Joint Special Committee on Back Bay
the subject of the Back Bay Lands, presented to the City Council. Lands.
a report in print, being City Doc. 124, wherein they recommend
that the proposals of the State Commissioners should not be ac-
cepted and that application be made to the Legislature for a
tract of land and flats, 1304.0 feet in width measuring from the
mill dam wharf, and 2002.9 feet in average length from the pres-
ent limits of the Public Garden, should be conveyed to the city,
and such part of it as lies within the limits of the city should
be annexed to Boston. A strip of land 200 feet in width on each
side of this territory, they should have the privilege of using for
streets, and selling for the purpose of having erected thereon her-
mas of dwelling houses, on a uniform plan, and in an elegant
style, such as would be an ornament to the city. The remain-
der of the territory together with a part of the Public Garden, a-
mounting to about fifty acres, should be forever kept open as a
Public Garden, or square, and be suitably ornamented with trees
flowers &c. to render it a healthy and agreeable resort. The city
should be at liberty to fill up and complete the same, within
such time as they could do it to the best advantage; and not be
compelled to do it within an unreasonably short, or inconvenient
period of time. The city should also have and maintain a
proper control over the streets, drainage, and laying and main-

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Dec. 30, 1834. *draining water and gas pipes, so that the interests of the citizens
would be preserved from injury. They recommended the adoption
of the following order. Ordered: That the Mayor be authorized &
instructed to petition the Legislature of the Commonwealth, for a
grant of the fee in a portion of the flats in the Duck Bay, with
the privileges, and on the conditions recommended in the Report
of the Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of
the Mayor's Address for the year 1834, as relates to the Duck Bay Lands
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred.*

East Boston
School House *On motion of Alderman Wash-*
burn the report of the Committee to investigate the facts of purch-
ase and signing the contract for the building of a Grammar School
House at East Boston, was taken up for consideration, and after a
discussion on said subject was referred to the next City Council.

Unfinished
business *Ordered: That all unfinished busi-*
ness be and the same is hereby referred to the next Board of Alder-
men.

Vote of thanks
to the
Mayor. *Alderman Dingley with some ap-*
propriate and complimentary remarks submitted to the Board the follow-
ing resolve. Resolved, that the thanks of this Board be presented to
the Honorable Jerome B. Smith, as Chief Magistrate of our beloved
City, for his unwearied exertions in promoting her best interests,
and for the able, patient, and impartial manner in which he
has presided over the deliberations of this Board during the past
Municipal Year.

Said Resolve having been second-
ed by Aldermen Washburn and Williams was unanimously

adopted, and His Honor the Mayor having made an appropriate reply thereto, the Board

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Dec. 30. 1854.

Adjourned sine die.

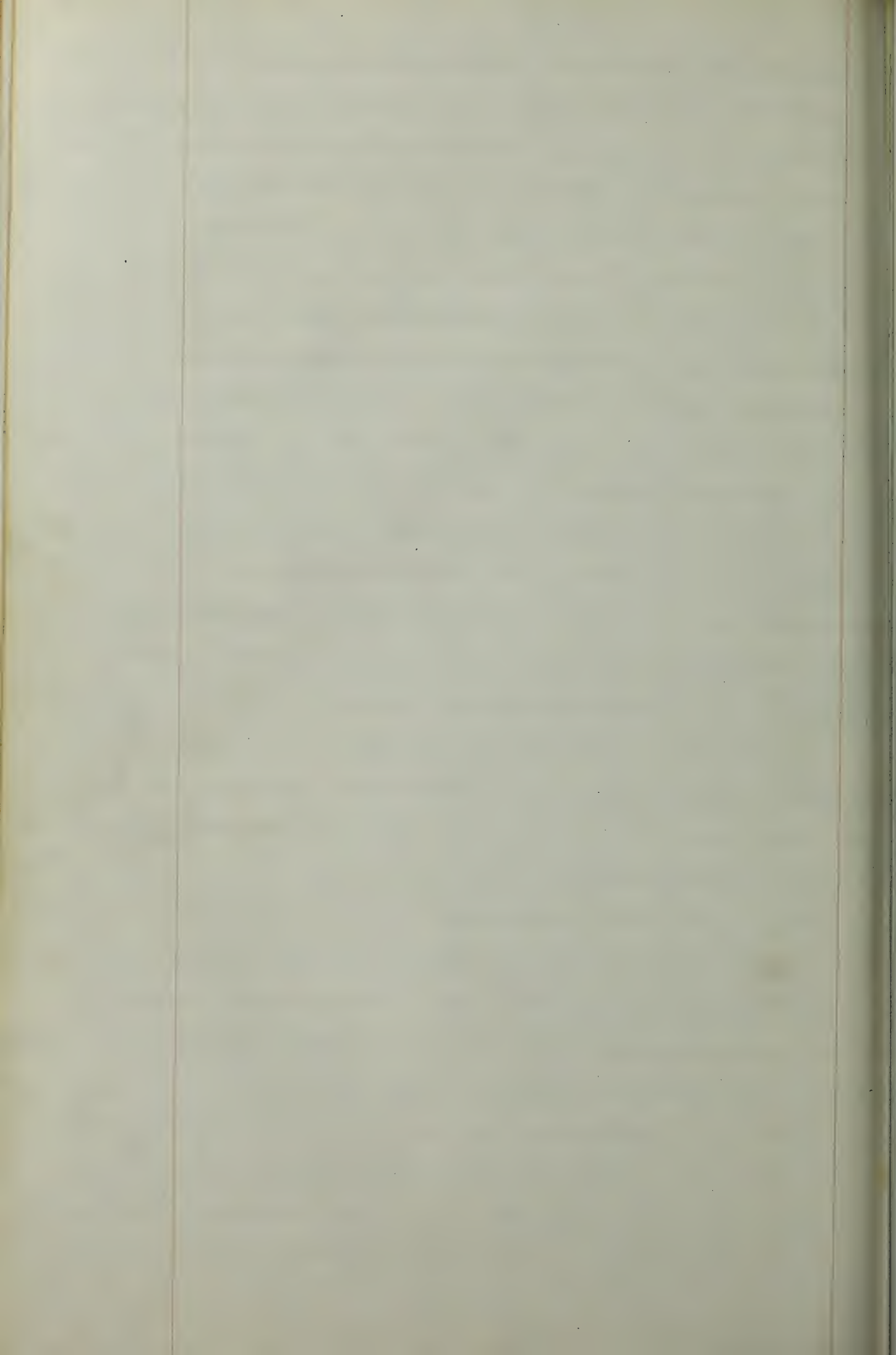
Attest: Saml. H. McLeary, Jr.

City Clerk

I the subscriber do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Record of proceedings of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen for the year 1854. Pages 1. to 867. inclusive

Saml. H. McLeary, Jr.

City Clerk



Atkinson Street 6, 21. Orders of notice 29, 47, 342, 369, 415, 477.
 " orders of notice 501, 522, 525 - Sgr 72. Widened, Sanford 84.
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